

Third Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2019



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*May your people exult forever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward in confident hope
to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection.
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

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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. 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.

RCIA On Sunday, **May 5** during the 12 noon Mass, candidates who are seeking full Communion within the Catholic Church will make a Profession of Faith and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

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, 2019** has been sent. Families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week through the Sign-Up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>

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.

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

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **May 12** bulletin is Monday, **May 6** 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: Rehearsal for all Confirmation students and their sponsors is Friday, **May 10** at 6:30 pm in the church. Following the rehearsal white garments that are to be worn by students during Confirmation will be distributed. Information about dress and photography is provided on pages 18-20 of the Confirmation packet. Per Diocesan guidelines, there will be no photography/video during the Confirmation Liturgy.

Confirmation is on Monday, **May 13** at 7 pm. 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. Students and sponsors are to go to Confession before **May 13**.

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

Technology: more freedom or more control?

We can find every day breaking news about technological progress. Autonomous cars are already moving around us and most likely will be the standard in the near future. Autonomous planes are close behind. 5G, smartphones, smart speakers like "Alexa"... But a poignant question arises: more technology, is it more freedom or more control?

Today's Gospel brings us to the Sea of Galilee, when Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples (Jn 21:1-19). It is a beautiful exemplification of how without Jesus we can do nothing (Jn 15:5). They were skilled fishermen, knowledgeable professionals; however they failed. Left to themselves, their efforts were fruitless; with Jesus, however, they made a big catch. And this is the lesson: we should put our trust in the Lord more than in our abilities. Letting Jesus take charge will pay back.

Today's Catholics are greatly challenged. Both from inside and outside the Church. Scandals inside; secularization outside. The temptation is to think that we can fix the things relying on our ability. We know the art of fishing. We are familiar with this Sea. So we will toil all night and catch nothing.

The apostles learned the lesson. And they were strong enough not to fear the Sanhedrin and even rejoice "that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (Acts 5:41).

Contemplating the miraculous fishing we are invited to put our trust in God and his power. Discipleship and Evangelization are not human-size endeavors. They are a God-size mission. So we need to rely on God's power and grace.

As we move forward in today's Gospel, there is more. When Jesus is about to confirm Peter as the rock upon which He will build his Church, the test is "Do you love me?" (Jn 21:15).

Next weekend will be Good Shepherd Sunday and the world day of prayer for vocations. Let's pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Let's pray the Lord to give us "shepherds after his own heart" (Jer. 3:15). Priests and Bishops who love Jesus with a genuine priestly heart. Shepherds whose love for Jesus would inspire us when we see them praying, celebrating Mass or other sacraments. Men who found a treasure and sold everything to devote themselves to love Jesus and his Church, serving her as Jesus did, with the sacrifice of their lives. Men who have taken to heart the Bishop's invitation: "Receive from the Holy People of God the gifts to be offered to God. Know what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

Technology is today's paradigm of human power. But we build on another power: the power of the one who "has loved me and given himself up for me" (Gal 2:20).



Prayer to Our Lady of Mercy by St. Augustine

Blessed Virgin Mary, who can worthily repay you with praise and thanks for having rescued a fallen world by your generous consent! Receive our gratitude, and by your prayers obtain the pardon of our sins. Take our prayers into the sanctuary of heaven and enable them to make our peace with God.

Holy Mary, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God. May all who venerate you feel now your help and protection. Be ready to help us when we pray, and bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Make it your continual concern to pray for the people of God, for you were blessed by God and were made worthy to bear the Redeemer of the world, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

This Week In Our Parish

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5:

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, May 6:

Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth
Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, May 7:

Hannan Hall	6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice
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Wednesday, May 8:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, May 9:

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 10:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am Children's Adoration Hour
Hannan Hall	1:00-5:30 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	5:30-11:00 pm Couples for Christ
Church	6:30-8:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, May 11:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
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

Divine Mercy Care's Infant Memorial Service Divine Mercy Care is hosting an interdenominational infant memorial service for all those who have experienced any form of infant loss at any time in their life. Join us on **May 11** at 7 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Please register at divinemercycare.org.

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

“Were not our hearts burning within us...” Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the 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 Easter For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord

Mass for Hispanic Vocations with Bishop Burbidge

Join Bishop Burbidge to pray for more vocations especially from our Hispanic communities. This annual Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Sunday, **May 12** at All Saints Church in Manassas at 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

Parish Special Needs Second Collection on May 12

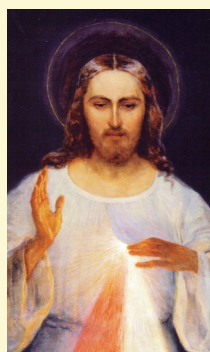
Next Sunday is our annual parish special needs second collection. Last year, the \$3,500 that was raised from the collection enabled us to install a handicapped-access door off the vestibule. This year, we would like to allocate the proceeds from the collection to electrical work that was required for the new church organ to be installed this past April. We hope you have enjoyed the new organ! Thank you for your generosity and for providing for these special needs of our parish.

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 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.deguzman\[a@queenofapostles.org](mailto:n.deguzman[a@queenofapostles.org) for these hours of need
- Monday, 3-4 pm, Thursday, 2-3 pm
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-57665 or [rosalieam\[at\]msn.com](mailto:rosalieam[at]msn.com) for these hours of need



Divine Mercy

“My child, do you fear the God of mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to Me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.”

(Diary of St. Faustina, 1485)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rev 7:9, 14B-17 Jn 10:27-30

Knights of Columbus Spring Membership Drive

The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522, is having their annual Spring Membership Drive today in the vestibule after each Mass. To join online, please visit <http://kofc.org/un/newjoin/en/index.html> or contact our Membership Director, SK Rich Lamarre at (207) 577-7591 for more information.

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **May 8** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. Join us in a morning of Flex-Ability with Marie Markey. All parishioners are cordially invited.

Candle Ministry Volunteers Needed We need additional volunteers to help replace the candles on the stands in the vestibule on the weekdays. Can you help one or two days a week? The candles are changed either after the 6:30 am Mass or before the 9 am Mass. Contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

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

Bishop's Lenten Appeal - Will You Pledge \$1 a

Week? Although we are now in the Easter Season, the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) is still in full swing. If every QofA family who has not made a pledge made a \$1 weekly commitment today, we would exceed our parish goals. Please know that donations are restricted only to those programs supported by the BLA - including the Office of Vocations (priestly formation), Office of Marriage and Family, and Office of Catholic Schools. Please take a BLA pamphlet from the back of the church or visit arlingtondiocese.org to make your pledge in support of our parish and diocese today.



Donate Gently Used Children's Books to Queen of Apostles School

The QofA School Library will be having a used paperback book sale to generate money for new books and book ends. If you have gently used children's books you would like to donate, please send them to the school library in a bag or box labeled "School Library". Books will be sold for \$2 each, \$3 for hard backs. The sale will be the week of **May 13**. Children's books only please!

ACCA Again this year Queen of Apostles parishioners prepared lunch for volunteers who worked on the Rebuilding Together project on **Apr. 27**. A warm thank you for your generous support with donations used in preparing the 40 lunches. Each year ACCA volunteers work on repairing two homes in the area. Lunch is provided for one of the homes.

Third Sunday of Easter Masses this Week

Third Sunday of Easter - May 5:

7:30 am +Dolores Perez
9:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners and
+Leocadia Tibung Marcelino
12:00 pm +John Sutton

Monday, May 6:

6:30 am +Carmen Solis
9:00 am +Marilyn Cole

Tuesday, May 7:

6:30 am +Debbie Saunders DuBrul
9:00 am +John and Jean Kakareka

Wednesday, May 8:

6:30 am +Fr. Julius J. Cilinski
9:00 am +Lidia Gomez

Thursday, May 9:

6:30 am +Danilo Reyes
9:00 am +Rhoda Mae Sacra

Saint Damien de Veuster - Friday, May 10:

6:30 am (L) Carolina León-Duarte
9:00 am +Gregorio Pereira

Saturday, May 11:

8:00 am (L) Victoria
5:00 pm +Demetria and Gavino Monzon
8:00 pm +Kristin Burns

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

*Christ is risen, creator of all;
he has shown pity on all people.*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, George Cook, Kevin Bonko, Leo Monterroso, 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 Trozardo, 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 Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo