

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Solemnity of All Saints - November 1, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
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Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (*Spanish*)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (*Spanish*) 3:00 pm (*Ghana Community Mass*)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
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Chaplain
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With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

Est. 1966

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that this message finds you and your loved ones well!

This Sunday is a great day because we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This feast allows us to reflect on the possibility of holiness in life; it calls us to not focus so much on our works but on what God has been doing in us. This day, the Word of God presents us with the reality of a multitude of saints, full of evangelical life, the experience of God, and works of charity. Saints who have already passed from death into eternal life. These saints invite us to follow their example of life, a reality that we have present every time we profess the Creed, "I believe in the communion of saints."

Next Tuesday, November 3rd, is Election Day. It's an important day for our country; I encourage you to vote, it is our duty as citizens. I encourage you to visit our diocese website where you can find Election resources. On that day, as a parish, we will have the Adoration for our Nation, a personal day of prayer for this intention. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament from 9:30 am until 7:00 pm. Due to the new renovations in the Sanctuary starting next week, the Blessed Sacrament will move temporarily to the Adoration Chapel.

Due to the COVID protocols, only four people can be in the chapel simultaneously; parishioners are encouraged to sign up for 1/2 hour increments. The sign-up sheet can be found in the church vestibule. A volunteer will be helping with the timing and making sure safety protocols are being followed.

Again, I remind you about the work in the Sanctuary that will begin next week. We will start with the change of lights on the altar and the ceiling and the walls' painting. I know this can be a bit uncomfortable, but the result will be excellent, and we will all be happy with it. I ask for your patience, understanding, and support. All of this work to beautify our Church has been accomplished thanks to your generous donations. May God bless you for your generosity.

As you may have felt, the weather has already changed, and it is getting darker earlier; therefore, we will begin to hear confessions in the afternoons inside the Church; without using the confessionals, for this, we will be using confessional screens so that you may confess with more privacy since some do not feel comfortable doing it face to face.

Finally, I remind you that on Monday, November 2nd, we will have two additional Masses to pray for our faithful departed, one at 5 in Latin with readings in English and the second at 7:00 pm in Spanish. These will be two special Masses to pray for our parishioners and relatives who have already returned to the Father's house. May all of them rest in peace.

Have a blessed weekend and may God Bless you.

Fr. Diaz

ALL SOULS DAY SCHEDULE

Please note that All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

6:30 am, 9:00 am, 5 pm (Latin with English Readings),
and 7 pm (Spanish)

† RELIGIOUS EDUCATION †

RCIA

Were you baptized Catholic but missing Confirmation, Eucharist? Are you interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?

If you answered “Yes” to any of these questions, you should register for RCIA! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is for 3 groups of adults:

- * Those who are not baptized.
- * Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- * Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

If you are missing Sacraments, not in a Church marriage, or thinking about becoming Catholic, please join our weekly English or Spanish adult faith formation classes. **RCIA in English** will be held on **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm** with Fr. Rampino/Deacon Kapral. **RCIA in Spanish** will be held on **Wednesday, 7-8:30pm** with Mr. Mercado and other catechists. Both classes will be held in the parish office (4329 Sano Street). It's not too late to register!

Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to register for the next school year (Sept 2020-June 2021) or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Please provide your birth certificate, and, if applicable, your baptismal certificate dated in the last 6 months.

Altar Servers The Diocese has given us permission to start having 2 or 3 altar servers present at each Sunday Mass. Season and new servers are invited. If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass, please contact Susan Gray at s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Fr. Rampino will lead a training/refresher for seasoned and new servers on **Sat, Nov 28, 1-3pm** in the church. For servers who have already returned, please arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, and use the upper sacristy and wait for the priest. Sts. John Berchmans and Tarcisius, pray for us.

Religious Education Information

Info: Grade 8-high school students who are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend a retreat on **Saturday, Nov 21, 2020 or on Jan 16, 2021** at Queen of Apostles, 8:30am~3:30pm. A survey will be sent to parents indicating the preferred retreat date.

The Sacrament of Confirmation packet is posted on our website. QofA School students/families are to confirm due dates/projects with the school teacher, Miss Hang.

For in person Religious Education classes, doors will open at **8:30am** and students are asked to arrive no later than **8:45am** for the **9am** class. Please park close to the school and escort your child to the check-in. Students will enter the school and find his/her classroom. Parents are to meet their student/s along the walkways near the school by **10:15 a.m.**

For students using the on-line/at-home learning option (grades 1-8, through MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com (MCFD) + a monthly Sunday morning class via Zoom with the catechist and in-person class) homework assignments are emailed to the class MCFD group. About once a month, two grades per week will Zoom into the in-person class. A parent is to accompany the student during the Zoom video during the 9-10:15am Sunday morning class time

Safety: Remember to perform a self-screening of symptoms before arriving on campus. On-site, temperatures will be checked and questions about COVID symptoms will be asked. Family members displaying any symptoms are not to attend RE class. To comply with safety protocols, class size is limited, 6' distance between families/students, masks/face shields are to be worn by everyone, hand sanitizer will be used upon entering the school building, students will report directly to class, *only catechists, aides, and registration volunteers may enter the school*, and disinfection will occur before and after classes. Students must bring his/her own pen/pencil, paper, hand sanitizer, etc. to class. Please, no sharing of supplies.

Do you have an unbaptized child 7 years old or are you a homeschool family with children preparing for Sacraments this upcoming school year?

Please call the parish office at 703-354-8711 ext. 10



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 or on our website queenofapostles.org. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street. Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

Masses This Week

All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1:

8:00 am	+Arturo Suarez
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Kevin O'Brien
1:30 pm	+Jhean Carla Valdivieso

All Souls Day - Monday, November 2:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Clarisa T. De Guzman
5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
7:00 pm	+Tula Morris

St. Martin de Porres - Tuesday, November 3:

6:30 am	+Peter Nguyen Kinh
9:00 am	All Souls Novena

St. Charles Borromeo - Wednesday, November 4:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Anna Nguyen Thi Vien

Thursday, November 5:

6:30 am	+Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen
9:00 am	All Souls Novena

Friday, November 6:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Carmen Solis

Saturday, November 7:

8:00 am	All Souls Novena
5:00 pm	+Julie Barreto
7:00 pm	+Felicitas Mendez

Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? To join Faith Direct, start by simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code! You can also visit faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code:



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Thank you for your support!

We have returned to the normal weekday Mass schedule!

Weekday Masses are now celebrated at **6:30 am** and **9:00 am** Monday through Friday. We also have brought back the **5:00 pm** vigil Mass on Saturdays. At this time, we are not able to return to our previous Sunday Mass schedule, as Virginia has not yet moved to the next phase of re-opening. Thank you for your patience during these very uncertain times. We ask that all those 10 years and older *please wear a mask* while in the Church and vestibule so that we can continue moving back to our pre-COVID schedule. Please continue to pray for those affected by the coronavirus and for their families.

Looking for ways to serve?

The Usher Ministry is in need of more volunteers for each of our weekend masses, especially the 5:00pm Mass on Saturdays. We also are in need of volunteers to help operate our livestreams during the week as well as on weekends. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish office at 703-354-8711.



Work in Sanctuary

This week, we began the lighting work in our sanctuary's altar and the painting of the ceiling and the walls. We ask for your patience; there will be several workers and noise in the church during this time. To complete the renovations faster, there will be *no Adoration on Wednesdays in November*. Thank you for your understanding.

Women's Group

The Women's Group will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 11th at 10:00**. We will meet in Hannan Hall. The seating will be similar to last month's meeting. Father Rampino will be our guest speaker. Hope to see you there!



November 1: All Saints Day

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. Today's feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.



Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. We will be sending out information on these projects and a form to make a commitment if you decide to do so. Thank you for your generosity!

Gospel Commentary for the Solemnity of All Saints: Members of the Lord's Body

Fr. Joseph Rampino

I hope that this little commentary finds you all well as we approach Halloween, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day. This set of feast days is one of my favorite times of year because it reminds us of what the Church really is, and what kind of a family we are part of.

The Church, of course, is not what the world thinks she is. She is not just an organization or institution, in which a person might have a membership as long or as short as they like. She is not even just one among many world religions, or one among many Christian denominations, good for whoever chooses that path, but not fundamentally different from any of the other spiritual paths. We know that the Church is unique in that she is one living being, a someone, both larger and more united by grace than a family is by blood. We know that through the Church, individual people become one living body with Jesus Christ, and with all other Christians in union with that body throughout time and across the globe.

This truth is what gives these feast days, All Saints and All Souls, their true power.

All Saints, we know, calls to mind all of the Christians who have gone before us in a state of perfection, and who now live in peace forever in Heaven. It's not just a celebration of their example or of their goodness, but is a celebration of the fact that we too, as members of the same body, have ourselves already begun to enter Heaven. We celebrate the joy of knowing that hope has already been fulfilled for some members of the body, and now they call to us to encourage us and draw us on, knowing that we too can hope in the immortal life of glory. We also celebrate the fact that we are still in union with all those who have entered Heaven, including whoever of our loved ones is there, so long as we remain right with God and united to the body of the Church. What a consolation! Not a single Christian is ever alone, but is always joined by the love of all the saints! What courage we can take!

All Souls, on the other hand, calls to mind all those who have died in friendship with God, but who are still being perfected through Purgatory. We know that every soul in Purgatory will enter Heaven in the end, and that this "middle place" is a great sign of God's love for us. Even though nothing imperfectly joined to Christ, in fact nothing imperfect in any way, could ever enter heaven, God still offers us a way to Him if we have not reached that perfection by the end of our lives. He loves us enough to purify us after death, so long as we have at least accepted and kept His offer of friendship, and He allows us to help one another reach this perfection by means of prayers for the dead, to which the month of November is dedicated. Because we are all members of the same one living body, whatever good we do can have an effect on every other part of the body.

All of these thoughts should expand our hearts in love for the saints in Heaven, the souls in purgatory, and all our brothers and sisters joined to Christ through His Church here on Earth. We express that ardent charity by praying to the saints in heaven, praying for the souls in Purgatory, and praying with all those still living who make up the Church across the globe. May your feasts be joyful, dear friends, and let's pray for each other that we all remain in the body of the Lord forever!

Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Please pray for the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, 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, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Leo Weston

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos Feligreses,

¡Espero y pido al Señor para que este mensaje los encuentre bien todos!

Este domingo es un gran día porque celebramos la Fiesta de Todos los Santos. Esta fiesta nos permite reflexionar sobre la posibilidad de la santidad en la vida; nos llama a no enfocarnos tanto en nuestras obras sino en lo que Dios ha estado haciendo en nosotros. Este día, la Palabra de Dios nos presenta la realidad de la santidad, tantos hombres y mujeres que han conseguido entrar en el cielo después de vivir una experiencia de Dios y vivir en caridad. Santos que ya pasaron de la muerte a la vida eterna. Estos santos nos invitan a seguir su ejemplo de vida, una realidad que tenemos presente cada vez que profesamos el Credo, "Creo en la comunión de los santos". Esa comunión nos inspira a desear también nosotros ser santos y a ganarnos el cielo como vocación universal.

Como ya todos saben el próximo martes 3 de noviembre es el Día de las Elecciones. Es un día importante para nuestro país; les animo a ir y ejercer el derecho de votar, es nuestro deber como ciudadanos, lógicamente lo harán los que son ciudadanos americanos, aquellos que no lo son les pido que se unan en oración. Les animo a que visiten el sitio web de nuestra diócesis donde puede encontrar recursos electorales. Ese día, como parroquia, tendremos la Adoración por nuestra Nación, un día personal de oración por esta intención. Expondremos el Santísimo Sacramento desde las 9:30 am hasta las 7:00 pm. Debido a las renovaciones en el Santuario a partir de la próxima semana, el Santísimo Sacramento se trasladará temporalmente a la Capilla de Adoración.

Debido a los protocolos de COVID, solo cuatro personas podrán estar en la capilla al mismo tiempo; Se anima a los feligreses a inscribirse y hacer turnos de oración de 30 minutos y así dar la oportunidad a otros de vivir esta experiencia. La hoja de inscripción se puede encontrar en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia. Un voluntario ayudará con el tiempo y se asegurará de que se sigan los protocolos de seguridad.

Nuevamente, les recuerdo los de remodelación en el Santuario comenzarán la próxima semana. Comenzaremos con el cambio de luces en el altar y la pintura del techo de las paredes. Sé que esto puede resultar un poco incómodo, pero el resultado será excelente y todos estaremos felices. Les pido paciencia, comprensión y apoyo. Todo este trabajo para embellecer nuestra Iglesia se ha logrado gracias a sus generosas donaciones. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.

Como pueden haber notado, el clima ya ha cambiado y está oscureciendo más temprano; por tanto, comenzaremos a oír confesiones por las tardes en los días ya establecidos, jueves viernes y sábado dentro de la Iglesia; sin usar los confesionarios, para ello hemos elaborado unas pantallas para que se puedan confesarse con más privacidad ya que algunos no se sienten cómodos haciéndolo cara a cara.

Finalmente, les recuerdo que el lunes 2 de noviembre tendremos dos misas adicionales para rezar por nuestros fieles difuntos, una a las 5 en latín con lecturas en inglés y la segunda a las 7:00 pm en español. Serán dos Misas especiales para orar por nuestros feligreses y familiares que ya han regresado a la casa del Padre. Que descansen en paz.

Que tengan un feliz fin de semana y que Dios les bendiga.

Padre Alex

DIA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS

Tenga en cuenta que este día no es un día santo de obligación.

6:30 am, 9:00 am, 5 pm (Latín con lecturas en inglés),
y 7 pm (Español)



Misas esta semana

Domingo 1 de noviembre:

8:00 am	+Arturo Suarez
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Kevin O'Brien
1:30 pm	+Jhean Carla Valdivieso

Lunes 2 de noviembre:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Clarisa T. De Guzman
5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
7:00 pm	+Tula Morris

Martes 3 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Peter Nguyen Kinh
9:00 am	All Souls Novena

Miércoles 4 de noviembre:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Anna Nguyen Thi Vien

Jueves 5 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen
9:00 am	All Souls Novena

Viernes 6 de noviembre:

6:30 am	All Souls Novena
9:00 am	+Carmen Solis

Sabado 7 de noviembre:

8:00 am	All Souls Novena
5:00 pm	+Julie Barreto
7:00 pm	+Felicitas Mendez

1 de noviembre: Día de Todos los Santos

Esta fiesta honró primero a los mártires. Más tarde, cuando los cristianos fueron libres de adorar de acuerdo con su conciencia, la Iglesia reconoció otros caminos hacia la santidad. En los primeros siglos, el único criterio era la aclamación popular, incluso cuando la aprobación del obispo se convirtió en el paso final para colocar una conmemoración en el calendario. La primera canonización papal ocurrió en 993; el largo proceso que ahora se requiere para demostrar una santidad extraordinaria tomó forma en los últimos 500 años. La fiesta de hoy honra tanto a los santos anónimos y a los más conocidos: los santos que cada uno de nosotros ha conocido.

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Trabajo en el Santuario Esta semana comenzamos los trabajos de iluminación en el altar de nuestro santuario y la pintura del techo y las paredes. Les pedimos paciencia; habrá varios trabajadores y ruido en la iglesia durante este tiempo. Para completar las renovaciones más rápido, no habrá Adoración los miércoles de noviembre. Gracias por su comprensión.

¡Volvimos al horario normal de misas diarias!

Las misas entre semana se celebrarán a las 6:30 am y 9:00 am de lunes a viernes a partir del **martes 13 de octubre**. También regresaremos la misa de vigilia a las 5:00 pm el **sábado 17 de octubre**. Gracias por su paciencia durante estos tiempos muy inciertos. Les pedimos a todos los mayores de 10 años que usen una mascarilla mientras estén en la Iglesia y el vestíbulo para que podamos continuar regresando a nuestro horario anterior al COVID.



Sea parte de nuestra familia parroquial

¡Bienvenidos a Reina de los Apóstoles! Le invitamos cordialmente a unirse a nuestra familia parroquial, para que pueda recibir todas nuestras comunicaciones parroquiales, y para que nuestro clero y personal puedan responder adecuadamente a sus diversas necesidades sacramentales, le alentamos a inscribirse en Reina de los Apóstoles a través de la Oficina Parroquial o en nuestro sitio web queenofapostles.org

Formularios de inscripción parroquial están disponibles en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y en la Oficina Parroquial. Por favor notifique a la Oficina Parroquial de cualquier cambio de estado familiar o si se ha mudado fuera de la parroquia llamando al (703) 354-8711 o general@queenofapostles.org