

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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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

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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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 Altar server and parish families are invited to host the Vocations Crucifix for one week. 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 you are interested in hosting the crucifix, visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen> or contact Susan Gray at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus High school and young college 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 information call (703) 220-0562 or email s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

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 Do you have ideas for young adult activities? Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? Please contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org or (703) 220-0562.

Tolton: From Slave to Priest "Tolton: From Slave to Priest", from St. Luke Productions, tells the incredible true story of Servant of God, Fr. Augustus Tolton. Performed at Bishop Ireton Catholic High School at various show times, **Nov. 15** through **Nov. 18**. Seats are free but must be reserved in advance. For more information visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/tolton. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Diocese of Arlington.

Christendom Graduate School Register now to receive the early-bird discount for spring theology courses at the Christendom Graduate School! Courses are offered on campus in Alexandria and online in both live and prerecorded formats. Please visit our website: <https://graduate.christendom.edu> or contact the office at (703) 658-4304, graduate.school@christendom.edu for details. The spring semester runs from **Jan. 14-May 4**.

Religious Education Thank you for choosing the Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles. If you have an RE tuition balance, please pay by **Dec. 2**. Classes will not meet on **Nov. 25** because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.


The Sacrament of Confirmation registration form (page 3 of the packet) and \$60 fee (cash or check) were due on **Nov. 4**. Please submit the form and fee on-site during Religious Education class time or come to the parish office during the week. Need another Confirmation packet? Please visit: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>.

On Saturday, **Dec. 1** from 8:30 am-3:30 pm, QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and homeschooled students in grade 8 and all RE students in grade 8 and high school are to attend the retreat. Please meet in Hannan Hall.

The Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion packet can be found at: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. The registration form and fee are due **Dec. 9**.

RCIA RCIA will not meet on **Nov. 12** in observance of Veterans Day. RCIA attendees who have not yet submitted birth (and as applicable, baptismal and marriage) certificates are asked to do so by **Dec. 3**.

Early Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Nov. 25** bulletin is Tuesday, **Nov. 13** by 9 am. (The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Nov. 18** bulletin was Monday, **Nov. 5**.) Please email announcements to Mayra at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

**School Auction - Save the Date!** Plans are underway for the school's annual auction, set for Saturday, **Dec. 1** at 6 pm in the school gym. We are currently accepting donations of gifts or experiences. Email auction@queenofapostlesschool.org if you would like to make a donation and a committee member can assist you. Gifts of all kinds are welcome and gratefully accepted! (Tangible items should be new or gently used.) Look for tickets to go on sale in November. Thank you for supporting our school community!

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**.

Pastor's Letter

The Big Human Questions

Last Sunday Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment. If we know the life of the Jewish People, it makes sense. They had so many precepts that sometimes they were lost in so many rules.

For our own modern lives, there are also so many requests, expectations... we are pulled in so many directions. So I would like to ask which are the big human questions. Not little things. Those which really matter.

The month of November is devoted to the memory of the Souls in Purgatory. We visit their graves, we offer Masses and prayers for them. Let's ask the question: why? Some will do it as part of a family tradition. However, what does this tradition have to do with our Catholic faith, with our profession of faith that we renew every Sunday?

And this brings us to other big questions in our lives. Maybe you would try to write them down in a paper. I guess it would look like: Which College will my child attend? How will I advance in my career? How will I pay the bills, especially if I am retired?

There are other questions that we realize are not so important, and nonetheless we give them so much time, thought and energy. When will the latest smartphone be released? What shows are on tonight? Who will win the Super Bowl?

Now, imagine yourself near a close relative's grave. Which questions make sense there? Maybe in that setting, those are the big human questions... the questions which make my life more human and greater. What beauty, truth and goodness did this person bring to my own life and the lives of those around me? These are questions which give meaning and purpose. Those are the big questions, the questions that are relevant for the hereafter.

The Church invites in these last weeks of Ordinary Time to consider the last things: death, judgement, purgatory, hell, heaven... It would be very convenient to remind ourselves the Church's teachings on them, maybe in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Also we can make other big questions, looking up to Jesus on the Cross and consider how he redeemed us through suffering, death, service... What is the purpose of suffering, failure, disabilities...? Our culture has no answer to these questions. The Gospel does. Do we dare to ask?

November 17 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our
Morning of Recollection on Saturday, November 17
in the church and in Hannan Hall.



Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary
9:30 am	Talk 1
10:15 am	Break - Coffee and Pastries
10:30 am	Talk 2
11:00 am	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
11:50 am	Blessing and Reposition

This Week In Our Parish

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11:

Veterans Day

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
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Group

Monday, November 12:

Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed

Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
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Tuesday, November 13:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am	Bible Study
Parish Office	5:45-7:15 pm	Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Choir Practice

Wednesday, November 14:

Diocesan Planned Giving Seminars 10 am and 7 pm

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-12:00 pm	Women's Group
Church	7:00-8:00 pm	KofC Remembrance Mass
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm	RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, November 15:

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, November 16:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am	Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, November 17:

Parish Morning of Recollection see pg. 3

Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
Hannan Hall	1:00-6:00 pm	Couples for Christ
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

Pro-Life Rosary Please join us in praying the Rosary for the protection of all unborn children and their parents, every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street.

Catholic Estate & Personal Planning Seminar Looking for ways to prepare and manage your estate plans? This Wednesday, **Nov. 14**, Queen of Apostles will offer two informational, 90 minute seminars - at 10 am and at 7 pm, explaining the process of Catholic estate and personal planning. Representatives from the Diocese of Arlington will be joining us to discuss these important topics: Catholic teachings on end of life decisions (advance medical directives, proper planning, and funerals); the importance for individuals and couples to have a Will and other critical documents in place; vehicles and tools for charitable giving; and more. Please RSVP to the parish office at (703) 354-8711, or email stewardship@queenofapostles.org.



Vocations

“Out of her poverty she has put in everything she had.”

Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or 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.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time That those called to serve the Lord and His people as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will be blessed with holy zeal in their prayers and apostolates, we pray to the Lord.

National Vocations Awareness Week Our diocese is celebrating National Vocation Awareness Week this weekend. Please pray for those currently discerning their vocations, and for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of a vocation.

Daughters of St. Paul - Discernment Retreat Weekend Experience the life, mission and spirituality of the Daughters of St. Paul in this vocational discernment retreat for young women 18-33 years old, held **Nov. 23-25** at the Daughters of St. Paul Convent in Alexandria. Includes daily Mass, community prayer, conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, silent retreat day, and more. For more information, please contact Sr. Emily Beata at vocations@paulinemediamedia.com or (703) 549-3806.



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am; Friday morning, 11:30 am to 12 noon; and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban: (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com.

Please also prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time on: Tuesday night, 11 pm to 12 am. Please contact Nenita De Guzman: n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org or (703) 354-8711.

Mothers for Priests All mothers in the parish are invited to participate in a new apostolate to pray for all priests. Members will promise to pray for priests every day. We will also meet as a group every first Thursday of the month at the Holy Hour to offer our prayers for priests. The daily prayer can be found at <https://mothersforpriests.org/>. For more information, please contact Genevieve Erkens at (703) 719-7955 or gerkengal@gmail.com.



Divine Mercy

“Pray for souls that they be not afraid to approach the tribunal of My mercy. Do not grow weary of praying for sinners. You know what a burden their souls are to My Heart. Relieve My deathly sorrow; dispense My mercy.”

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 975)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32

Coats for Kids Drive Nearly 20% percent of American children live in poverty and as a result, many families cannot afford to provide the basic necessity of a warm winter coat. Putting our faith into action, your Knights of Columbus Council, Pope John Paul II 4522 will be again collecting cash/check donations for the annual Coats for Kids Drive this weekend. We need to raise \$1,200 to order a case (the minimum order) of winter coats – we're just halfway there. As little as \$20 will provide a child with a new winter coat, but any donation is greatly appreciated.



QofA School Open House Join Queen of Apostles Catholic School for their Open House on Tuesday, **Nov. 12** through Friday, **Nov. 16**, from 9-11 am.

Women's Group The Women's Group meeting will be on Wednesday **Nov. 14** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. The speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Debra A. Henry, MD, PRP. Dr. Henry is a Psychiatrist and she will be speaking on "The best thing about getting older". All parishioners are cordially invited.

KofC Remembrance Mass Please join the Pope John Paul II Council Knights and their families at a special Remembrance Mass, this Wednesday, **Nov. 14** at 7 pm. The Knights will pray for and remember those Council Knights that have joined the Lord this past year. This is a full Mass, led by SK Fr. Vives. All parishioners are invited to attend!

Praise the Lord, my soul!

ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action) Anyone wishing to participate in the ACCA Holiday Basket/Adopt a Family Thanksgiving or Christmas giving should contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at (703) 256-9513 or ddmld@verizon.net for more information. Please include your name, address and phone number.

QofA Parish Secretary Position QofA is currently seeking a full-time Secretary for our Parish Office. The Parish Secretary will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Pastor, priests, and church staff. Some duties include: answering phone calls, maintaining sacramental records, assisting with the coordination of baptisms, weddings & funerals, and creating a warm, welcoming, family inspired atmosphere to all those who come to the Parish Office. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, bilingual in English and Spanish, and have excellent organizational and communications skills. Prior secretarial experience is preferred.

For a complete job description and application, please visit the parish website at www.queenofapostles.org. Please send cover letter and resume to Flora Wack, Office Supervisor via email to f.wack@queenofapostles.org.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 11:

7:30 am +John Barsh
9:00 am +Thomas and Hannah O'Shea
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Henok Yohannes

Saint Josaphat - Monday, November 12:

9:00 am +Peter Kinh Nguyen

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - Tuesday, November 13:

6:30 am +Anna Vien Thi Nguyen
9:00 am +Robert Norsic

Wednesday, November 14:

6:30 am +Guillermo Solano and Teresa Murillo
9:00 am +Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen

Saint Albert the Great - Thursday, November 15:

6:30 am +Helen Del Signore
9:00 am +Giuse Phung Xuan Nguyen

Saint Gertrude - Friday, November 16:

6:30 am (L) Special Intention
9:00 am +Mary Tuy Thi Nguyen

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary - Saturday, November 17:

8:00 am +Peter Kinh Nguyen
5:00 pm +Edwin and Bevinda De Silva
7:00 pm +Constance Gabriel Lacroix

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 18:

7:30 am +Raymondo Vasso Harikiopoulo
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Paul Cook



Veterans Day The Adoration Chapel and the Parish Office will close on Monday, **Nov. 12** in observance of Veterans Day. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Beverly Spagnoli, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Michelle Jacobeen, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, Gabriel Carreon, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozardo, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, 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