



Prayer for the
Souls in Purgatory
by
St. Gertrude the Great

According to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that the following prayer, each time she piously recited it, would release 1,000 souls from their suffering in purgatory:

Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious
blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in
Purgatory, for sinners
everywhere, for sinners
in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family.
Amen.

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
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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 pm (Ghana Community)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am and 9 am
No 6:30 am Mass on Federal Holidays
Saturday: 8 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 7-7:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Thursday: 7:30-8:30 pm during Holy Hour
Saturday: 4-5 pm and 6-7 pm
Sunday: 10-10:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 7 am through Saturday 7:45 am

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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.

Becoming Catholic - Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Classes have Begun!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and Spanish on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form.

We will need your birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificate/s. For couples married outside of the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Altar Servers Altar servers/families have begun hosting the Vocations Crucifix. A sign-up link, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-queen>, has been sent to families to host the 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.

Survey from the Vatican for Young People, Ages 16-29

His Holiness Pope Francis will convene the XV Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in **Oct. 2018** on the theme Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. Every young person in the world (Catholic or otherwise) can share their thoughts directly with Pope Francis. To assist with this, the Vatican has set up an online survey which can be found here: <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718> (you may need to select the English version on the upper right of the page).

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**.

Religious Education The **Dec. 2** retreat is for all Religious Education students in 8th grade and high school, and 8th graders enrolled at QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and those who are homeschooled and desire Confirmation. The retreat is 8:30 am-3:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

The registration form and fee for First Penance/First Holy Communion are due to the parish office/Religious Education by **Dec. 10**.

Religious Education families are invited to a potluck breakfast on Sunday, **Nov. 19** during class time. Families are asked to bring a breakfast food/beverage to share. Please let Mrs. Atchison, Mrs. Barrios, Mrs. Villalobos, or Mrs. Viafara know if your family will attend and what you are bringing.

The Rite of Acceptance and the Rite of Welcoming for unbaptized students and RCIA adults will take place during the 7 pm Mass in Spanish on **Dec. 2** and the 10:30 am Mass on **Dec. 3**.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 5-8 In order to maintain a good ratio of adult-leader-student, the number of students participating in Nazareth will be limited. Students in grades 5-8 who are interested in Nazareth meetings are to submit written responses to the following questions: 1) What is your favorite story in the Bible and why? 2) Why are you interested in participating in Nazareth and what do you hope to get out of it? Written responses are to be returned to Fr. Juan or Susan Gray at the parish office. Fr. Juan will invite students to join Nazareth meetings on **Nov. 17, Dec. 1, Dec. 15**. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Questions? Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus for High School/College Students, Open Gym

All high school and young college students are invited to join Fr. Juan and their peers on Saturdays, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer. Join Mr. Kasenge for Open Gym, 6-8 pm in the School Gym on the first Friday of the month, **Dec. 1, Jan. 5**, etc.

Pastor's Letter

All Souls Month

After the excitement of hallowing we have gone back to normal. We celebrated All Saints, reminding us that there is more in our lives if we let God transform us. As we discussed last weekend, saints are made through the sacraments. We remembered the gift of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation.

Then, we celebrated All Souls and started to pray for the souls in purgatory. As the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Purgatory is the state of those who die in God's friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven" (#210).

Family is a beautiful perspective to approach praying for the souls in purgatory. In Christ we are one family: those in heaven, those on earth and those in purgatory. The Compendium adds that "[we] can help the souls being purified in purgatory. Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice" (#211).

It always moves me the Funeral Mass liturgy. It starts like our lives: in the Baptismal font. There we are with our relatives and friends. And the priest reminds the rite of Baptism: sprinkling with Holy Water, the sign of the Cross and imposition of the white garment (the funeral pall). Then, we start the procession towards the Sanctuary, where the Paschal Candle shines showing the way like a lighthouse. The risen Lord guides us in the pilgrimage of life which we make not on our own, but with family and friends. This is exemplified in the entrance procession.

Finally, we stop at the edge of the sanctuary. The sanctuary is heaven, and only the priest who is Jesus enters there. We stay on this side. This edge of the sanctuary is the threshold of death, through which we pass over to eternal life. And even if we stay on this side, our prayers accompany our beloved in their passing. The incense going up represents these prayers as our beloved encounter Jesus Christ, the judge of the living and the dead.

At the end of the Mass, we ask the angels and saints to come to receive his soul: "Saints of God, come to his aid! Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord! Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High." We, his family and friends, the Church on earth, entrust him to the Church in heaven, our family because we all share in the communion of saints.

It is beautiful to be a family. It is beautiful to be part of the communion of saints. It is beautiful to make this pilgrimage of life as part of a family, the family of families who is the Church.

November 18 Morning of Recollection

All are invited to join us for our
Morning of Recollection on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the church and in Hannan Hall.

Rule of Life Devotion for the Month of

November

Confirmation

Sent by the Spirit

Receive the Strength
of the Spirit.



Morning of Recollection Schedule

8:00 am	Holy Mass
8:45 am	Rosary at 101 S. Whiting St.
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 12:

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel 6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, November 13:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, November 14:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 15:

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

Thursday, November 16:

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

Friday, November 17:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall 3:30-5:30 pm Nazareth

Saturday, November 18:

Parish Morning of Recollection; see page 3 for details
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Vestibule 5:00-8:30 pm Pilgrimage 2018 Bake Sale
School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir
Notre Dame Graduate School 8:30-10:00 pm Emmaus



Bake Sale on Nov. 18/19 Benefiting the 2018 Pilgrimage

Just in time for the holidays - baked goods for your dessert table! Young men and their families will sell homemade baked goods after Masses on **Nov. 18** and **19** in the church vestibule. Your donation will benefit the 2018 pilgrimage to Spain.

High School Placement Test For Non-Diocesan 8th Graders

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington are required to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, **Dec. 2, 2017**, or Saturday, **Jan. 6, 2018**. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>), and submit to the test site by **Nov. 30** for the December test.

Women's Group Bake, Jewelry and Gift Sale

Mark Your calendar for the annual Women' Group Bake, Jewelry and Gift Sale on Sunday, **Dec. 3**. The sale will be in Hannan Hall after all morning Masses. Plan to attend and support the Women's Group. Proceeds from the sale are used for donations to the Church, School and local Community.



Vocations

"Well done, good and faithful servant..." How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time We pray for all of us here present, who were created with a thirst for God; may we be faithful in quenching that thirst by living our call to holiness, we pray to the Lord.

Gifts for the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$40,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819 with questions.



Hour of Need Adorers needed for one half hour each Friday, 11:30 am to 12 noon. Pray the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litanies to the Blessed Mother, or any of your favorite prayers. If you can spare one half hour, please contact Alexa Urban at moleski47@gmail.com.

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Simbang Gabi On **Dec. 18** at 7:00 pm, Queen of Apostles Church will host the fourth Mass of Simbang Gabi, a 9 day novena Mass to the Blessed Mother which begins on **Dec. 15** and ends on **Dec. 23**. All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will follow after the Mass at Hannan Hall. We are seeking donors for the reception. Please contact Marinette Guevarra at nette5g@hotmail.com or Cheryl Madlansacay at (703) 333-2809.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School Wreath Sales

Q of A's Christmas wreath/tree fundraiser is going on now. These beautiful items make great decorations or gifts AND earn money for our school. For delivery to addresses in the continental U.S.: Buy online at mickmanholidaygifts.com and use code QUEENOVA001 to make sure Queen of Apostles gets a donation for the sale. Order any time through early December. Orders of \$60 or more ship free, even to multiple addresses.

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30



Keep Christ in Christmas Share the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ with your family and friends with reasonably priced, Knights of Columbus, religious Christmas cards. Cards will be available for purchase after all Masses in the vestibule during the following weekends: **18/19**, and **Dec. 2/3**. Please support our parish's Knights of Columbus Council 4522 and share the beautiful birth of Jesus Christ with those closest to your heart with these stunning, religious Christmas cards. Please contact Grand Knight Roger Williams at sbrog11@yahoo.com or (703) 629-3239 with questions.

FORMED is an online library of Catholic study programs, Bible studies, eBooks and movies providing Catholics the opportunity to learn the Faith and grow in their knowledge and love of Christ. Go to FORMED.org and enter our parish code: Z37RTW for unlimited access to all programs.

Gain a 65% Tax Credit...and Give a Student the Gift of a Catholic School Education!

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program awards a 65% tax credit on top of current state and federal tax deductions for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. Call (703) 841-2764 for more information, or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions

Please join us to learn more about the opportunities and advantages of teaching in our Catholic schools. Email Janet at j.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org to let us know if you are able to attend. The sessions are Monday, **Nov. 13** at 7 pm at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington and Tuesday, **Nov. 14** at 1 pm at All Saints School in Manassas.

ACCA All are welcome to join the Annual Community Eumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service hosted by Mount Pleasant Baptist Church (6477 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria) on Tuesday, **Nov. 21** at 7:30 pm. Offering will be donated for the Work and Ministry of ACCA (Annandale Christian Community for Action). For further information call Mount Pleasant Baptist Church at (703) 256-1268.

Vitae Foundation's Pro-Life Event

Join us Tuesday, **Dec. 5** at the Falls Church Marriott in Fairview Park, Virginia. The featured speaker is U.S. Rep. Chris Smith. For 37 years, Rep. Smith has championed the cause for life in Congress. As co-chair of the Congressional Bipartisan Pro-Life Caucus, Smith has been at the forefront of every pro-life battle during his tenure. Tickets are \$100 (\$50 is tax deductible). For reservations call (573) 634-4316 or visit: www.VitaeFoundation.org/events.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 12:

7:30 am +John Barsh
9:00 am +Julia C. Czaja
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini - Monday, November 13:

6:30 am +Paul DuBuc
9:00 am +Edwin and Bevinda de Silva

Tuesday, November 14:

6:30 am +Janet Cascio
9:00 am +Sr. Carmen Aragon

St. Albert the Great - Wednesday, November 15:

6:30 am (L) Gertrude Thurau
9:00 am +Edgar Teran

St. Gertrude - Thursday, November 16:

6:30 am +Janet Cascio
9:00 am (L) Special Intention

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Friday, November 17:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

Saturday, November 18:

8:00 am +Joyce Herrell
5:00 pm +Benjamin Alianza, Jr.
7:00 pm +Hilda Garrido

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19:

7:30 am +Evelyn Kuprevich
9:00 am (L) Patrick Linnane
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Fr. Daniel Mode

Bulletin Announcement Deadlines The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Nov. 19** and **26** bulletins is Monday, **Nov. 13** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daniel O'Donohue, Rosa A. Valderrama, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., 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, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith