

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 (703) 354-8711 www.queenofapostles.org

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
www.queenofapostlesschool.org

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain

Phone: (703) 354-0714



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.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners:

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus invites us to put into action the talents and gifts that we have received. The talents are the qualities, spiritual, and material virtues that we all have, thanks to God's goodness and mercy. We all have them, and no one lacks these gifts. In this Sunday's parable, Jesus urges us to get out of ourselves, out of our fears, out of our limitations, and work for the growth of the kingdom. In this parable, it is clear that the lazy who do not like to take risks will be left out because God wants us to do our best to work tirelessly and humbly to inherit the kingdom and bring to life this kingdom among us.

I want to encourage all of you to maintain faith and hope and not to lose heart despite the adversities that we may experience; many of you have expressed your concern and disappointment with what is going on in the country. Many hoped that the election results would be different, and it is the reason for such sadness. As your pastor, I must ask you not to lose heart or allow sadness and anger to win this battle. Now more than ever, we have to continue praying insistently; we gain nothing by looking for culprits or getting upset. We have to rediscover God with faith, even in these dark times. Let's remember what our bishop told us last Tuesday, "No matter the results of the election, one thing is unchangeable: the Lord remains king and ruler of our nation." And it is something we have to accept with faith. We will overcome this type of situation with fasting and prayer (Mt. 17, 20-21), and just like that, the devil is destroyed. Prayer and fasting are the best weapons, and we can become an army of prayer to overcome all of these adversities.

On another note, next November 17th, the parish school will host a virtual open house so that those parents who are interested in learning more about our school can do so. Perhaps when parents see our school, they will have the confidence to send their children to our school next year. I ask you to please help me pray since the school's financial situation is not good; but I am confident that we will succeed. Therefore, as parishioners, I hope that you help me promote this open house and promote our school - remember that Catholic education is essential.

Finally, I want to express my sincerest gratitude for your commitment to the weekly offerings; this is an unmistakable sign of love and commitment to our parish. I also thank all those who have made their commitment to the Capital Campaign. Thanks to these commitments and the positive response, we can beautify our Sanctuary. This week, we will begin to paint the ceiling and then the walls. It gives me great joy because that is a unique sign that we are a united parish and continue to move forward despite the pandemic. You will receive a letter about this campaign encouraging you to continue with your commitments in the coming weeks. I also encourage those who have not made their pledge to join in this campaign, as there are many areas of our parish that we need to renovate, and if we all join together, we can have a more vibrant and beautiful parish.

I hope you have a blessed week. I have you in my prayers.

Fr. Alex



QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

November 17, 2020 at 6 pm

Visit queenofapostlesschool.org to RSVP!

✝ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ✝

Religious Education Information

Info: Grade 8-high school students (QofA School, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community or those who are homeschooled) who are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to complete and return the Registration Form (page 3 of the packet) and fee, due **Nov 15**. Also, students are to attend a retreat. The **Nov 21, 2020** retreat is at capacity so please sign up for the **Jan 16, 2021** retreat. Both retreats are at Queen of Apostles, **8:30am-3:00pm**.

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.

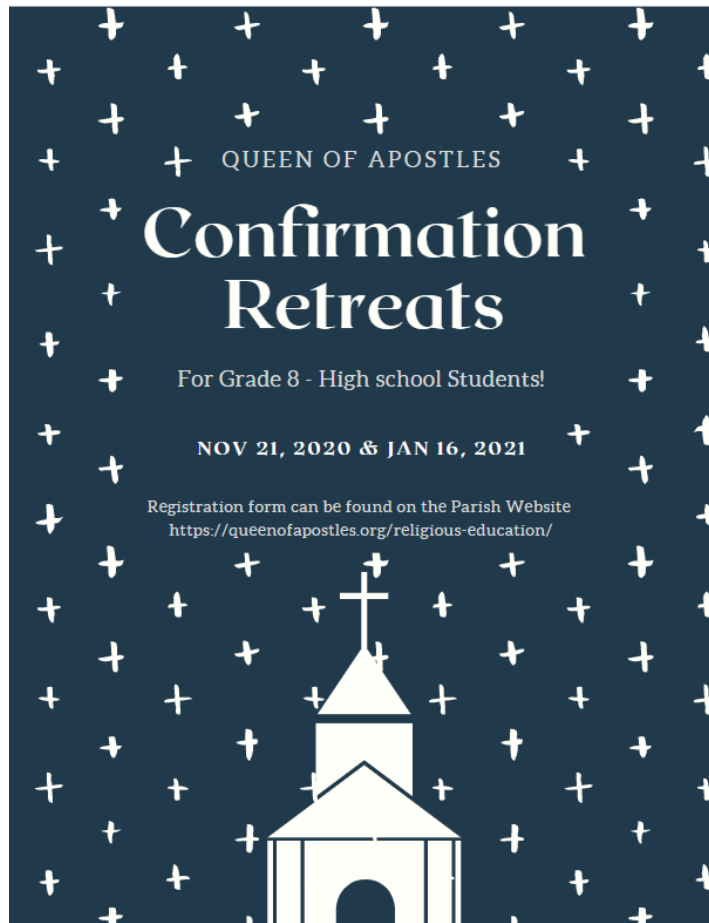
For in person Religious Education classes, doors will open at **8:30am** and students are asked to arrive no later than **8:45am** for the **9am** class. Please park close to the school and escort your child to the check-in. Students will enter the school and find his/her classroom. Parents are to meet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

For students using 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: 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



A poster for Confirmation Retreats. The background is dark blue with a pattern of white crosses. At the top, it says 'QUEEN OF APOSTLES' in white. Below that, 'Confirmation Retreats' is written in large, white, serif font. Underneath, it says 'For Grade 8 - High school Students!' and 'NOV 21, 2020 & JAN 16, 2021'. At the bottom, it says 'Registration form can be found on the Parish Website' and provides the URL 'https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/'. In the center, there is a white silhouette of a church with a steeple and a cross on top.

Altar Servers—Serving our Lord in the Eucharist

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.



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

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Masses This Week

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, November 15:

8:00 am	(L) Diana Galeas
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Aurora Alombro
1:30 pm	(L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives

St. Gertrud - Monday, November 16:

6:30 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
9:00 am	+Peter Nguyen Kinh

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Tuesday, November 17:

6:30 am	+Anna Nguyen Thi Vien
9:00 am	+Marcel Dupuy

Dedication of Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul -

Wednesday, November 18:

6:30 am	+Joselito Magboo
9:00 am	+Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen

Thursday, November 19:

6:30 am	(L) Jazlynn Galeas
9:00 am	+Giuse Nguyen Xuan Phung

Friday, November 20:

6:30 am	+Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy
9:00 am	+Ann Hetsko

The Presentation of Mary - Saturday, November 21:

8:00 am	+Lou and Jeanne Wack
5:00 pm	+Fr. Gerry Creedon
7:00 pm	+Mercedes Henning

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 3 weeks ago, 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.

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!



November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

The feast of the presentation of Mary dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.



Third Saturday Rosary for Life

Please join us in praying the Rosary on the third Saturday of the month outside of the abortion clinic located at 5999 Stevenson Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. Come be a witness for life and be a part of the generation that will put an end to abortion!



Gospel Commentary for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Bring Forward What is Given

Fr. Joseph Rampino

This week continues the Church's November meditations on the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel, wherein Christ offers to the crowds several parables and images of the final judgement. Last week, Christ told us how necessary it is to provide for our eternity by carrying enough fuel for our faith, that we might have what we need to go meet him at the end of time.

This week, He tells the parable of the talents, in which the master, who represents Christ, gives different sums of wealth to his servants, which they are to bring out into the world and increase. The first two servants follow the master's command, double what they have been given, and are told to enter into their master's joy. The third and last servant, on the other hand, does not follow the command, gains nothing further than what he was given, and receives condemnation.

While the first two servants make easy sense to us—they complete the task assigned and receive the reward—the last servant is a little more of a mystery. Though this servant complains to his master that he hid the talent out of fear, we notice that the master does not condemn him for fear. He condemns the servant for wickedness, laziness, and inaction. The last servant is not wicked because he is afraid of failure or afraid of risk. The master even says to him that this fearful servant could have taken a low risk route, putting the money in a bank, and at least have had something to show for it. So what is his real fault?

The ancient Christians in their commentaries on this passage tell us that the last servant, though he may have had some fear of trading with the talent he had been given, uses the excuse of fear to cover up his lack of desire to do the master's will. Thus the servant is not only fearful and lazy, but above all else, prideful and dishonest. We notice that he does not even admit his fault and ask forgiveness from the master, but rather justifies himself and accuses the master of being too demanding. If he had been truly fearful, and asked for mercy, we can be sure that the master would have forgiven him.

So also for us. We ought not to fear to bring our faith, the great treasure God has given us, out into the open and speak of it clearly. The more we have received from God, the more we can give, and God can, through us, enrich a great multitude. It also does not matter for us how much God has given us, so long as we offer it with an honest and generous heart. Even if we fail in sharing our faith and its fruits out in the world, even if we are overcome with fear at times, we can at least humble ourselves before God and ask for mercy. The one thing we must not do, if we wish to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, is hide our hearts from God, justifying ourselves and blaming the Lord for the difficulties of a life of faith.

The Lord is indeed a kind master, and more than a master, a father, a brother, and a friend. He only asks great things in order to prepare our souls to receive the great gift of His love. Let's expand our hearts in courage this week to meet His commands, and share what we have received from Him.

Thanksgiving Schedule

NOVEMBER 25

Parish Office closed
Regular 6:30 and 9:00 am Masses

NOVEMBER 26

Parish Office closed
Bilingual High Mass at 10 am

NOVEMBER 27

Parish Office closed
Mass at 8 am



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 Spraht, Consuelo Jocoson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Leo Weston

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos parroquianos

En el evangelio del domingo Jesús nos invita a poner en acción los talentos y los dones que hemos recibido, los talentos son las cualidades, las virtudes tanto espirituales como materiales que todos tenemos, gracias a la bondad y misericordia de Dios todos los tenemos, y no hay nadie que carezca de dones, bondades y cualidades. Con la parábola de este domingo, Jesús nos impulsa a salir de nosotros mismos, de nuestros miedos, de nuestras propias limitaciones y trabajar por el engrandecimiento del reino. En esta parábola queda claro que aquellos que son haraganes y no les gusta arriesgarse se quedaran fuera, porque Dios desea que nos esforcemos al máximo, que trabajemos incansablemente y con humildad para heredar el reino, y hacer vida ese reino aquí entre nosotros.

Quiero invitarles a todos a que mantengamos la fe y la esperanza, a que no desfallezcamos a pesar de las adversidades que podamos vivir; muchos de ustedes me han manifestado su tristeza y su desilusión por lo que se vive en el país, esperábamos que los resultados de las elecciones fueran diferentes; creo que a todos nos ha dado un poco de tristeza y como su párroco tengo la obligación de pedirles que no desfallezcamos ni permitamos que la tristeza y el enojo nos ganen esta batalla, tenemos que seguir orando con insistencia ahora más que nunca, con enojarnos y con buscar culpables no ganamos nada; tenemos que redescubrir a Dios con fe, incluso en estos oscuros momentos, recuerden lo que nuestro obispo nos dijo el pasado martes, “ Independientemente de los resultados de la elección, una cosa es inmutable: el Señor sigue siendo el Rey y gobernante de nuestra nación” y es algo que tenemos que aceptar con fe. Este tipo de situaciones las vamos a vencer con ayuno y oración (Mt.17, 20-21) y con nada, al demonio se le destruye con oración y ayuno y nosotros podemos convertirnos en un ejército de oración frente a todo esto.

El próximo 17 de noviembre tendremos un open house virtual en nuestra escuela parroquial, para que aquellos padres de familia que tienen interés de conocer nuestra escuela puedan hacerlo, quizás al ver la escuela tengan la confianza de enviar a sus hijos a nuestra escuela el próximo año, les pido por favor que me ayuden a orar, ya que la situación financiera de la escuela no está bien, pero tengo la confianza que saldremos adelante; por ello, espero que ustedes como parroquianos me ayuden a promocionar este open house, y a promover nuestra escuela, recuerden que la educación católica es importante.

Finalmente, les agradezco mucho su compromiso con las ofrendas semanales, esto es una muestra inequívoca del amor y el compromiso con nuestra parroquia. También agradezco a todos aquellos que han hecho su compromiso en la Campaña Capital, gracias a estos compromisos y a la respuesta positiva estamos realizando las reparaciones dentro de nuestro templo; esta semana, comenzaremos a pintar el cielo y seguidamente las paredes del templo, esto me emociona grandemente porque eso es una señal inequívoca de que somos una parroquia que a pesar de la pandemia seguimos adelante. En las próximas semanas recibirán una carta sobre esta campaña animándoles a continuar con sus compromisos. También animo a aquellos que no se han comprometido a hacerlo a que se unan a esta campaña, hay muchas áreas de nuestra parroquia que necesitamos renovar y si todos nos unimos, podremos tener una parroquia más viva y más bonita.

Espero que tengan una semana bendecida. Les tengo en mis oraciones

Padre Alex



ESCUELA REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS VIRTUAL

17 de Noviembre de 2020 a las 6 p.m.

¡Visite queenofapostlesschool.org para confirmar su asistencia!

Misas esta semana

Domingo 15 de noviembre:

8:00 am	(L) Diana Galeas
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Aurora Alombro
1:30 pm	(L) Fr. Leopoldo Vives

Lunes 16 de noviembre:

6:30 am	Mass of Thanksgiving
9:00 am	+Peter Nguyen Kinh

Martes 17 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Anna Nguyen Thi Vien
9:00 am	+Marcel Dupuy

Miércoles 18 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Joselito Magboo
9:00 am	+Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen

Jueves 19 de noviembre:

6:30 am	(L) Jazlynn Galeas
9:00 am	+Giuse Nguyen Xuan Phung

Viernes 20 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy
9:00 am	+Ann Hetsko

Sabado 21 de noviembre:

8:00 am	+Lou and Jeanne Wack
5:00 pm	+Fr. Gerry Creedon
7:00 pm	+Mercedes Henning

Tercer Sábado Rosario por la Vida

Por favor, únase a nosotros en la oración del Rosario el tercer sábado del mes fuera de la clínica de aborto ubicada en 5999 Stevenson Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304



¡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

¿Te has suscrito a la donación electrónica de la Parroquia a través de Faith Direct? Para unirse a



Faith Direct, comience simplemente enfocando la cámara de su teléfono en este código QR! También puede visitar faithdirect.net e inscribirse en línea utilizando nuestro código parroquial: **VA234**

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¿Te has comprometido con nuestra Campaña de Capital?

¡Alrededor de 500 familias se han comprometido generosamente con nuestra Campaña Capital! Queda mucho por hacer para mantener las instalaciones de nuestra parroquia y usted podría ayudar a que estos proyectos se lleven a cabo. Por favor, considere en oración hacer un compromiso o una donación única si aún no lo ha hecho. Enviaremos información sobre estos proyectos y un formulario para hacer el compromiso si decide hacerlo. ¡Gracias por su generosidad!

Monaguillos La Diócesis nos ha dado permiso para comenzar a tener 2 o 3 monaguillos presentes en cada misa dominical. Se invita a nuevos monaguillos. Si su hijo está dispuesto a servir en la Santa Misa, comuníquese con Susan Gray a s.gray@queenofapostles.org o hable con el P. Rampino. El P. Rampino dirigirá una capacitación/actualización para servidores nuevos y experimentados el sábado 28 de noviembre de 1 a 3 pm en la Iglesia. Para los servidores que ya están sirviendo, por favor lleguen no menos de 15 minutos antes de la Misa, use zapatos de vestir, traiga una mascarilla, use la sacristía superior y espere al sacerdote.

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.