

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 18, 2018



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Praise the Lord our God,  
for in Mary his handmaid  
he has fulfilled his promise of mercy  
to the house of Israel.*

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## CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor  
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**World Day of the Poor** *"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him"* (Ps 34). Pope Francis has proclaimed Sunday, November 18, 2018, as the Second Annual World Day of the Poor. He urges Catholics to listen and respond to the cry of the poor who live in our parishes and communities. Bishop Burbidge asks all parishioners to join the Church in responding to the needs of the poor through prayer and direct action. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in one of your parish's ministries that serve the poor, or to assist Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington. Parish groups, families and individuals can participate in one of Catholic Charities' service projects for World Day of the Poor, or attend one of the Catholic Charities events observing the date.

**November is Adoption Month** Less than 2% of unexpected pregnancies end in adoption... that means for every 1 child placed for adoption, 61 children were aborted. Please join us in sharing and praying for the hope of adoption! Catholic Charities' pregnancy and adoption team is currently seeking volunteers! There are many ways that you can support our work and this vital pro-life mission. Contact your fellow parishioner, Bridget Mullen at [bmullen@ccda.net](mailto:bmullen@ccda.net) for more information.

**Religious Education** For their professional development, 11 of our catechists/aides attended the **Nov. 17** Diocesan Catechetical Conference, Enlisting Witnesses for Christ.

If you have an RE tuition balance, please pay by **Dec. 2**. Classes will not meet on **Nov. 25** for 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. Confirmation Patron Saints Reports are due from RE students by **Dec. 2**.

The packets for **Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance** and **First Holy Communion** can be found at: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. The First Penance and First Holy Communion registration form and \$15 fee are due **Dec. 9**.

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.

**RCIA** 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 **Dec. 2** bulletin is Monday, **Nov. 26** by 9 am. (The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Nov. 25** bulletin was Monday, **Nov. 13**.) Please email announcements to Mayra at [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

## Dec. 1 School Auction - Buy Your Tickets

**This Weekend!** Our annual school auction will take place Saturday, **Dec. 1** at 6 pm in the school gym. Buy your tickets online today at: [www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org). Looking for Christmas gifts for loved ones? The auction is a great place to find them! Win an evening with Fr. Leopoldo where he will prepare a traditional Spanish dinner in your home! Or bid on any number of other items, from themed gift baskets to vacation packages! We hope to see you there!

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.



## Pastor's Letter

### The Wise Shall Shine Brightly

This Sunday's readings are somehow unsettling: "it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress, since nations began until that time" (Dan 12:1), or Jesus himself: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light" (Mk 13:24).

And rightly so. When someone goes to face charges at the court of law knowing that he is guilty and the judge is just, he is deeply distressed.

Today's readings talk about Jesus' coming to judge the living and the dead. To help us to pass the test, Jesus gave us the questions ahead: "I was hungry and you gave me food..." (Mt 25:35). How are we preparing for this test?

Thus, we will not be asked about success, wealth, popularity or accomplishments. Neither if we created safe environments for us and others. We will be asked if we loved God and neighbor with a whole heart. If we set God first and gave him the primacy in our lives.

Jesus reminds that "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Mk 13:31). Therefore, the solid foundation for my life is Jesus himself, his word. The world with all its glamour will pass away.

Therefore as we consider the hereafter: death, judgment, purgatory, heaven, hell... we can ask ourselves about the foundation we are building on. Today it is difficult to find a place of silence. Screens are taking a big part of our lives. Nielsen reports that in 2016 the average TV time in the US was five hours a day per person. If we add the use of smartphones, especially in younger people... Who are we listening to? Whose word do we hear and follow?

Thanksgiving will give us a little break from business and give us an opportunity to put by side screens and just enjoy our family. Let's take it seriously. Let's make some silence. Let's disconnect from technology to connect with others, with real human beings who care for us and love us. And that train us for another personal connection: to connect with God.

Let's put aside time for prayer. And let's pray and consider lifestyle, desires, things that take my focus, time and energy... Are they things that last or that pass away? Am I building on solid foundations or on sand?

And a last thought: when celebrating Thanksgiving Day, remember president Lincoln's proclamation, encouraging us to give thanks to God: "The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God..." (October 3, 1863).

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### 3 Prayers To Say For The Holy Souls In Purgatory

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Our prayers are needed for those souls who have passed on to eternity, yet are still awaiting entrance into heaven.

**The Eternal Rest (Requiem Aeternam)** *Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

**The Prayer of St. Gertrude** *Eternal Father, I offer Thee 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, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*

**The Fatima Prayer** *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Your Mercy. Amen.*



## This Week In Our Parish

### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18:

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, November 19:

Hannan Hall 4:00-5:30 pm Nazareth  
Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary  
Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

### Tuesday, November 20:

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

### Wednesday, November 21:

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

### Thursday, November 22:

*Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!*

*Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed*

No 6:30 am Mass

No 7:30 pm Holy Hour

### Friday, November 23:

*Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed*

Hannan Hall 7:00 pm-12 am GCC Prayer Meeting

### Saturday, November 24:

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

**Eucharistic Procession** There will be a Eucharistic Procession after the 12 noon Mass next Sunday, **Nov. 25** for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

*“Let us live as the Blessed Virgin lived:  
loving God only, desiring God only,  
trying to please God only in all that we do.”  
St. John Vianney*

### **Ejercicios Espirituales Dirigidos por el P. Javier**

Con motivo del 50 aniversario de la encíclica “Humanae Vitae” del Papa Pablo VI, nuestra parroquia en continuidad con los días de retiro os ofrece un fin de semana de Ejercicios Espirituales en una perspectiva matrimonial y familiar. Se trata de un retiro en silencio donde se busca fomentar un espíritu de oración y recogimiento para un mayor encuentro con Dios.

**Fecha:** 7, 8 y 9 de febrero de 2019 (Comenzando con la cena del viernes y finalizando con el lunch del domingo)

**Precio:** \$180 Si tienes pensado asistir, debes hacer una preinscripción antes del día 7 de diciembre, entregando la ficha de inscripción y abonando \$70 en la oficina de la Parroquia.

**Lugar:** San Damiano Spiritual Life Center

125 Old Kitchen Road, White Post, Virginia 2266

**Para más información:** Llamar a Carmen Dupuy: (571) 236-7239 o a la oficial parroquial.

## Vocations



**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”**

How is Christ calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org), or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or [m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time** That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

### **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@paulinmedia.com](mailto:vocations@paulinmedia.com) or (703) 549-3806.

### **FIAT Group Nun Run (Convent Visits)**

Attention high school and college aged women! Join Fr. Isenberg and Sr. Emily Beata, FSP, on this trip to several convents where you'll visit and pray with sisters and learn more about religious life. This “Nun Run” is Saturday **Dec. 1**, from 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and lunch. Contact the Office of Vocations by **Nov. 21** for more information and to register, [vocations@arlingtonvocations.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtonvocations.org) or (703) 841-2514.



### **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, and Saturday morning, 2 am to 3 am. Please contact Alexa Urban: (703) 241-1096 or [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com).

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

**Thanksgiving Holiday** The Adoration Chapel will close on Wednesday, **Nov. 21** at 8 pm and remain closed through the weekend. The Parish Office will close on **Nov. 22** and **23**. On Thanksgiving Day, there will be no 6:30 am Mass or Holy Hour. There will be one Mass celebrated at 9 am.



### **Divine Mercy**

*“First, do not fight against a temptation by yourself, but disclose it to the confessor at once, and then the temptation will lose all its force. Second, during these ordeals do not lose your peace; live in My presence; ask My Mother and the Saints for help.”*

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1560)

