



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
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Fr. Ignacio de Ribera, DCJM, In Residence
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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.

Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24/25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9 am.

There will be 6:30 and 9 am Mass on Friday.

The Adoration Chapel will close at 8 pm on Wednesday, November 23 and resume its normal schedule on Monday, November 28 after the 6:30 am Mass.

Emmaus - High School/Young College On Fridays from 6-8 pm, meet with Fr. Juan and other high school/young college students and grow in the Catholic faith through spiritual and human formation, sharing and friendship. On the first Friday of the month is Open Gym and pizza in the School Gym. Adoration, discussion of scripture and apostolic projects (Nativity scene) are held on other Fridays at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street). Mark your calendars for **Dec. 2** (Open Gym), **9, 16**. Emmaus does not meet on the last Friday of the month.

Nazareth - Grades 4-8 Nazareth meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month, 3:45 pm in Hannan Hall. Parents are needed to help provide snacks or assist with setup/cleanup and supervision. Please contact Susan at (703) 354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for supporting the Nazareth ministry.

Dec. 3 - Retreat for Students in Grade 8 and High School All students in grade 8 and high school, attending Queen of Apostles School or enrolled in the Religious Education Program are to attend the Saturday, **Dec. 3, 2016**, 8:30 am-3:30 pm retreat. The retreat will be held on the campus of Queen of Apostles. Lunch will be provided. Please make arrangements to attend this mandatory retreat.

The Vocations Crucifix Program at Queen of Apostles is a means of developing prayer and devotion among our parish families. Altar servers and their families will host the Vocations Crucifix weekly. Families who have not chosen a week to host the crucifix are asked to visit, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544aca928a0fe3-vocations>. The Vocations Crucifix is a daily reminder to talk about religious vocations and the importance of these vocations to serve the Lord and others.

Religious Education Sacraments packets are posted to the Queen of Apostles website, <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>

For students desiring Confirmation, the registration form and sacramental fee were due **Nov. 6**.

For students desiring First Penance and First Holy Communion, the registration form and sacramental fee are due **Dec. 11**. Religious Education will not have class on **Nov. 27**.

Students desiring the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist) and his/her godparent/sponsor will participate in the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming during Mass: Sunday, **Dec. 4** at 10:30 a.m. or Saturday, **Dec. 3** at 7 p.m. (Spanish).

Learn about the Catholic faith The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Queen of Apostles is offering RCIA classes in English and Spanish. The RCIA class in English meets on Mondays, 7:30-9 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays 7:30-9 pm. Classes will be held at Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street).

RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Adults who are not baptized.
2. Adults who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

3. Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the Catholic faith, have not completed their initiation and have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. For more information, contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Adults attending either RCIA class are asked to participate in the Rite of Acceptance/Welcoming on Sunday, **Dec. 4** at 10:30 am or Saturday, **Dec. 3** at 7 pm (Spanish). Your godparent/sponsor is invited to attend, too.



Pastor's Letter

The King of Mercy

Christ the King. At the end of the liturgical year the Church presents for our contemplation the splendid picture of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, his dominion "a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (Preface).

This most solemn Sunday's readings portray a triptych in which we contemplate the elders of Israel gathering to ask David to be their King. Next to that display, the main scene, is Christ on the cross, mercifully opening the gates of heaven for the good thief. The last scene is Paul's hymn presenting Jesus Christ in whom all things were created and redeemed.

This year this celebration also marks the end of the extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. This coincidence is meaningful because it reminds us that Jesus' kingdom comes through mercy. Before the needy, love is manifested as mercy.

Jesus receives his kingdom in the cross as he gives his life for us in a supreme act of love. That way he defeats evil and death, opening for us all the gates of heaven, and first of all to the thief hanging on the cross nearby: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

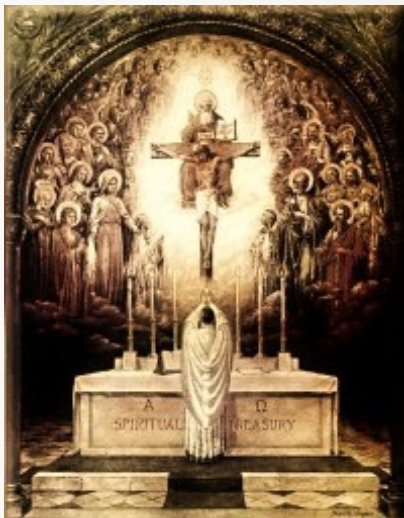
At this time of our history, we see how many fractures there are in our society, how much antagonism, intolerance and even bigotry. Only if we turn back to God with the humble confession of our sins, we will share in Jesus' victory over evil. Like the elders of Israel, our country has no other way but to come to Jesus and ask him to be our King.

As a first step in this journey I would invite you to join our Bishops in their prayer for unity after the elections:

*God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.
We ask for your protection and guidance, for all who devote themselves
to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.
We lift up our duly elected leaders and public servants,
those who will serve us as president, legislators and judges,
those in the military and law enforcement.
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve
liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people and especially
those who are most vulnerable in our midst.
Amen*

Rule of Life

Devotion for the Month of November: Holy Mass



*"The celebration of Holy Mass has the same value
as the Death of Jesus on the Cross."*

St. Thomas Aquinas

The Holy Mass is the source and summit of the Christian life.

It is the most perfect worship we can offer God the Father.
Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion we become one family in Him,
grace grows in our hearts and we are made holy.

Our obligation: Attend Sunday Mass and on holy days of obligation

Step 1: Arrive early to Mass to pray on the readings

Step 2: Attend Mass on specific feast days (All Souls, Corpus Christi, etc.)

Step 3: Attend a weekday Mass

This Week In Our Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday, November 20:

Jubilee Year of Mercy Concludes

Hannan Hall	7:30 am-12:00 noon
	PTO Pancake Breakfast
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School	10:30 am-1:30 pm Open House
Church	1:00-2:00 pm Eucharistic Procession
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, November 21:

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

St. Cecilia - Tuesday, November 22:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Church	3:30-5:30 pm Hymnal Swap
Hannan Hall	7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

St. Clement I - Wednesday, November 23:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish
Parish Office	8:00-9:30 pm St. Joseph Group Mtg.

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24:

Parish Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Friday, November 25:

Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 26:

Parish Office	1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
School	4:30-6:45 pm Matrimony Class
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

First Sunday of Advent - November 27:

No RE Classes

Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
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Towards a Family Fully Alive



Family Workshop

Find someone who you know does not have family (or maybe their family doesn't live nearby) and invite them to dinner. Plan ahead how you can

make the dinner special for them and how you will make them feel at home. If you are a widow/widower/orphan, offer your time and help to a family, keeping in mind that we are all part of one parish family and we are all called to the mission of the family.

Widows and Widowers November 2016



Vocations

“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.”

Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe That Christ the King, who has brought peace through the blood of His cross, will choose many men and women from our midst to preach redemption by the forgiveness of sins as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Daughters of St. Paul Retreat The Daughters of St. Paul are offering a discernment retreat weekend, **Nov. 25-27, 2016**, for single women 18-35 years old. The retreat will be held at the Daughters' convent in Alexandria, VA, and will include community prayer, Adoration, conferences, community recreation, and a silent retreat day. For more info, visit www.daughtersofstpaul.org or contact Sr. Margaret Michael at (703) 549-3806 or vocations@paulinemedia.com.

Stephen Ministry Does life's struggles pull you down? Do you feel so alone? Are you hurting? A Stephen Minister could be there for you, to walk with you in your journey through life's difficulties by sharing the joy and hope which the ultimate healer, Christ and the Love of God brings. To inquire about Stephen Ministry, please contact Maris Dionisio at (703) 751-8495 or stephenministry@queenofapostles.org.

Bishop Loverde Will Lead Novena for Couples Suffering with Infertility and Infant death

From **Dec. 4-12**, Bishop Paul Loverde will lead a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for all couples who desire to have a baby but have been struggling with infertility and infant loss. The novena will culminate in Mass on **Dec. 12** at Saint James Church in Falls Church. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop to sign up. Please contact the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550 with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration: Spending time with Our Lord

As two "cradle Catholics" it is not too difficult for people to understand that we found our answered prayers for love on a Catholic dating website. In 2014 we met; in 2015 we were engaged; on October 1, 2016 we were married at Mt. St. Mary's University and on October 18, 2016 we began our Eucharistic Adoration commitment at Queen of the Apostles as a married couple. To spend time with Christ present in prayer, affords us as a couple to stand before and with the Lord. In the busyness of the modern work culture, we both believe that making time to be together as husband and wife with Our Lord and Savior is time spent focusing on our true home with the one we share our earthly home with!! Eucharistic Adoration is where we believe the passage from Matthew 28:20 lives and derives its true meaning.

Peace and God Bless,
Matthew and Nikol Hoover

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.

This Week: View "Opening the Word" on the FORMED.org home page for a 6 minute video on the readings for this Sunday.

Movies - St. Peter: Learn about St. Peter, the rock on which Christ built His Church, and the spread of Christianity.

Audio - The Saving Power of Divine Mercy: Conclude the Jubilee Year of Mercy with a little lesson on Christ's Merciful Love by Fr. Jason Brooks, L.C.

Catholic Charities Counseling Queen of Apostles has partnered with Catholic Charities to have a counselor come to the parish to provide counseling services. Carly Rouston, our new Catholic Charities counselor, has a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the University of St Mary's in San Antonio. She works with children, adults, and couples – providing therapy in both English and Spanish. Carly will be available for appointments at the parish office on Thursdays between 2 pm and 8 pm. Catholic Charities is able to offer sessions on a sliding scale fee, in order to provide services to all those seeking assistance. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call our intake coordinator Hannah Navarro at (703) 224-1630.

Legion of Mary Mass All are invited to a Mass at Queen of Apostles Church for all deceased Legion of Mary members on Saturday, **Nov. 26** at 8:00 am. Please call (703) 354-1832 for more information.

ACCA Annandale Christian Community for Action will begin a year of celebration for their 50th Anniversary with an Ecumenical Service on **Nov. 22** at 7:30 pm at the Annandale United Methodist Church. All are welcome!

Jewelry Seeking donations of jewelry for the Women's Club fundraiser on Sunday, **Dec. 4**. Please leave your jewelry at the rectory. Thank you!

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**.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture 

Readings for Next Week:

First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5 Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Rom 13:11-14 MT 24:37-44

Open House and Pancake Breakfast Queen of Apostles School will hold its first Open House on Sunday, **Nov. 20** from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Tours and information will be available. Parents with children who will be entering kindergarten next school year are encouraged to apply early as our kindergarten class fills quickly. A PTO sponsored Pancake Breakfast will be after the 7:30, 9 am and 10:30 Mass. All are welcome!

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Masses this Week

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, November 21:

6:30 am (L) Secular Institute Stabat Mater
9:00 am +Anne Hetsko

St. Cecilia - Tuesday, November 22:

6:30 am (L) Liam Martinez-Coleman
9:00 am +Cesar Rodriguez

St. Clement I - Wednesday, November 23:

6:30 am (L) James and Mayra Saunders
9:00 am (L) Joseph and Susan Sheehan

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 24:

9:00 am +Lou and Jeanne Wack

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Friday, November 25:

6:30 am +Luis and Viola Baez
9:00 am +Dolores Perez

Saturday, November 26:

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
5:00 pm (L) Fernanda Mondragon
7:00 pm +Gonzalo Olivares

First Sunday of Advent - November 27:

7:30 am (L) Randy Weber
9:00 am (L) Marie Blanco
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Mr. Hermas Rosado



Be an Angel, Help a Child

The Advent Angel Tree will be set up in the back of the church beginning **Nov. 24**. This year we will be working with the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph. Gifts need to be returned to the back of the church or to the rectory by **Dec. 18**. Anyone wishing to volunteer with this wonderful project by decorating the Angel trees, transferring donated gifts, or with sorting and delivering gifts please call Frieda Coccozza at (703) 399-9946 or email fcoccozza@msn.com. Many thanks to Bruna Cassani for cutting out all the angels!

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Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Nick Tullier, Anna Jeffrey, Rose Maalouf, Ronald Redman, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Stephen Aldrich, Jessica Acot, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Etelvina León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristin Burns, Francis Walter, Eduardo Vega, Deborah DuBrul, Kathleen Donohoe, Lyda Tanco, Mark Bush, Joseph Covas, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Teresa Sabina Piecyk, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalusky, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith