

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Solemnity of Christ the King - November 22, 2020



CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
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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
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www.queenofapostlesschool.org

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

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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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Over the last month or so, some parishioners engaged me in discussions about our COVID-19 safety measures and protocols for Mass. Their opinions range from our current protocols are inadequate and insufficient, to our safety measures are unreasonable, burdensome and extreme.

First, and most importantly, I appreciate the honesty and courage those parishioners demonstrated by their willingness to engage me with their observations and opinions. I respect and owe much gratitude to each of those parishioners for their candor. Therefore, out of charity and fidelity to every parishioner, I respectfully write this letter to clarify the reasons for the COVID-19 protocols currently in place here.

On June 30th, in response to the Coronavirus, our Diocese of Arlington developed a **Guide for the Lay Faithful ("Guide")**. As a priest and your pastor, I can exercise my ministry only in dependence on Bishop Burbidge and in communion with him. Simply, I owe him my love and obedience. In fulfilling this obligation to Bishop Burbidge, QOA will faithfully adhere to his **Guide**.

In order to help reduce exposure to the Coronavirus, most if not all 70 parishes in the Diocese of Arlington have incorporated the **Guide** as it provides requirements and guidelines based on best practices and recommendations from public health professionals. You may read the full document here: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/coronavirus/>

The two protocol areas that generated the most opinions here at QOA are Holy Communion and facemasks. These two matters are covered below guided by the Diocese and its **Guide**.

Holy Communion. One of the most critical moments during the Mass, when spreading Coronavirus is heightened, is the distribution of Holy Communion. How can this heightened risk for spreading the Coronavirus be minimized?

Communicants retain the right to decide how to receive, whether on the tongue or in the hand. Please prayerfully consider temporarily receiving reverently in the hand.

Ministers are encouraged to disinfect their hands immediately after each and every communicant who receives on the tongue, even if no physical contact has occurred.

It is not permitted to receive Communion wearing gloves. Please remove your gloves for the reception of Communion.

Facemasks. All parishioners are expected to wear face coverings while on church property.

While facemasks may provide the wearer with minimal defense from a COVID-19 infection, correctly wearing a mask significantly reduces the wearer's ability to infect others.

A facemask is a physical barrier that can capture droplets of all sizes and prevent the coronavirus and other viruses from reaching the mouth and nose of others. Masks provide protection to everyone around the wearer from inhaling the wearer's aerosols and droplets.

We all must continue to pray for a return to normalcy and the eradication of this virus. Until then, let us serve, protect, and love one another by abiding to these safety protocols.

In Christ the Lord,
Fr. Alex

Thanksgiving at Queen of Apostles

Wednesday, November 25 : Regular Masses at 6:30 am and 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Day - November 26 : Bilingual High Mass at 10 am

Friday, November 27: Mass at 8 am

Parish Office Closed November 25th through November 27th



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

The Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI with the encyclical *Quas primas*. The Holy Father speaks directly to the problem of what he referred to as “anti-clericalism,” by which he meant the attitude of those who were seeking to extirpate Christian influence from political life. We see a version of anti-clericalism today, for example, when it is suggested that belief in Catholic teachings renders a person unfit for a judicial appointment.

When our nation is beset by civic unrest, racial tension, and a pandemic, we do well to turn to Our Lord, who reigns over every people and nation.

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, the Incarnate Lord.

“His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures.” –*Quas primas*, 13

Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. In him, one person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God.

Jesus shares a law of charity to show the way to communion with God.

“Not only do the gospels tell us that he made laws, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them show their love for their Divine Master, and he promises that they shall remain in his love.” –*Quas primas*, 14

By being close to sisters and brothers who are suffering, we draw close to Jesus. We Catholics, as individuals and as parishes, can look for



opportunities to minister to the needs of people who are hurting and, by doing so, we will be acknowledging the kingship of Christ.

The Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly.

“Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King.” –*Quas primas*, 26

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we must conform to secularist orthodoxy. For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord, not only of the Church, but of the universe.



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SOLEMNIDAD DE CRISTO REY

La Solemnidad de Cristo Rey fue instituida por el Papa Pío XI con la encíclica *Quas primas*. El Santo Padre habla directamente del problema de lo que llamó "laicismo", por el cual se refería a la actitud de quienes buscaban extirpar la influencia cristiana de la vida política. Vemos un tipo de laicismo hoy, por ejemplo, cuando se sugiere que creer en la doctrina católica hace que una persona no sea apta para un nombramiento judicial.

Cuando nuestra nación está atacada por disturbios sociales, tensión racial y una pandemia, hacemos bien en recurrir a Nuestro Señor, que reina sobre todos los pueblos y naciones.

Jesús es el Verbo de Dios hecho carne, el Señor Encarnado.

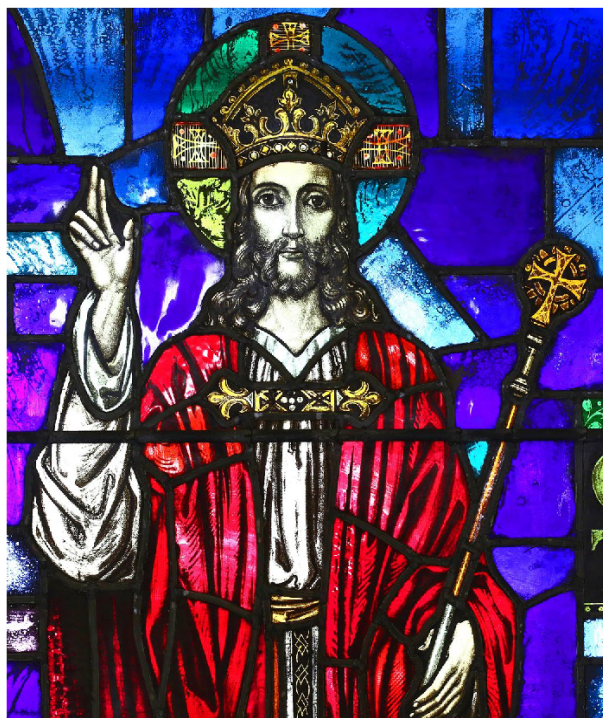
"La soberanía o principado de Cristo se funda en la maravillosa unión llamada hipostática. De donde se sigue que Cristo no sólo debe ser adorado en cuanto Dios por los ángeles y por los hombres, sino que, además, los unos y los otros están sujetos a su imperio y le deben obedecer también en cuanto hombre; de manera que por el solo hecho de la unión hipostática, Cristo tiene potestad sobre todas las criaturas." –*Quas primas*, 11

Jesús es plenamente Dios y plenamente hombre. Es al mismo tiempo el Señor divino y el hombre que padeció y murió en la Cruz. En él, una persona de la Santísima Trinidad se une a la naturaleza humana a través de la Encarnación y reina sobre toda la creación como el Hijo Encarnado de Dios.

Jesús comparte una ley de caridad para mostrar el camino hacia la comunión con Dios.

"Los santos Evangelios no sólo narran que Cristo legisló, sino que nos lo presentan legislando. En diferentes circunstancias y con diversas expresiones dice el Divino Maestro que quienes guarden sus preceptos demostrarán que le aman y permanecerán en su caridad." –*Quas primas*, 13

Al estar cerca de los hermanos y hermanas que sufren, nos acercamos a Jesús. Nosotros, los



católicos, en forma individual o con la parroquia, podemos buscar oportunidades para atender las necesidades de personas que sufren y, al hacerlo, reconoceremos el reinado de Cristo.

La Iglesia reconoce el reino de Cristo en el ámbito privado y también en el público.

"Por medio de discursos en las asambleas y en los templos, de la adoración, en común, del augusto Sacramento públicamente expuesto y de solemnísimas procesiones, proclamar a Cristo como Rey que nos ha sido dado por el cielo." –*Quas primas*, 27

Hoy, la libertad religiosa para muchas personas significa que podemos creer cualquier cosa que queramos, pero cuando entramos en la plaza o el mercado público, tenemos que adoptar la ortodoxia secular. Para los cristianos, cuando nuestra fe es marginada repetidamente en la vida pública, podemos caer en el hábito de compartimentar nuestras vidas. Amamos a Jesús en privado, pero nos abstenemos de reconocer la soberanía de Cristo en la vida social. Cuando celebramos la Solemnidad de Cristo el Rey, declaramos al mundo y nos recordamos a nosotros mismos que Jesús es el Señor, no sólo de la Iglesia, sino del universo.



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† RELIGIOUS EDUCATION †

Religious Education Information

Grade 8-high school students (QofA School, Religious Education, Ghana Catholic Community or those who are home-schooled) who are eligible for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to complete and return the Registration Form (page 3 of the packet) and fee. Due date was **Nov 15**. Also, students are to attend a retreat. The **Nov 21, 2020** retreat is at capacity. The next retreat is on **Jan 16, 2021**. Students are to wear a face mask, bring a simple lunch, bring hand sanitizer, rosary, paper, pen, etc. Both retreats are at Queen of Apostles, 8:30am-3:00pm. Meet in Hannan Hall with doors opening at 8:15am. RE students who attend the retreat on **Nov 21** have class on **Nov 22**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation packet is on our Parish Website. QofA School students/families are to confirm due dates/projects with the school teacher, Miss Hang.

On Sunday, **Nov 22**, Fr. Diaz will meet with parents who have unbaptized children over the age of 7 years old and have attended Religious Education for two+ years. Parents and godparents are to meet at the RE registration desk by 9am. Children are to attend RE class as usual.

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

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. Students must bring his/her own pen/pencil, paper, hand sanitizer, etc. to class. Please, no sharing of supplies.

RE classes will not meet on Nov 29 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance, Dec 6, 12 Noon Mass

RCIA-English and Spanish catechumens and candidates and RE students who are catechumens (not baptized), along with his/her godparents/sponsors are to attend the Rite of Welcoming/Rite of Acceptance on **Sun, Dec 6, 12 Noon Mass**. RCIA, students and godparents/sponsors will sit together in the pews closest to the Presider's Chair.

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

Solemnity of Christ the King - Sunday, November 22:

8:00 am	+Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Shoukry Said
1:30 pm	+Domingo Sacalxot

St. Clement I - Monday, November 23:

6:30 am	+Enrique Espino
9:00 am	+Daniel O'Donohue

St. Andrew Dung-Lac - Tuesday, November 24:

6:30 am	+Ernie Capule
9:00 am	+Rene Pizarroso

St. Catherine of Alexandria - Wednesday, November 25:

6:30 am	+Haidi Aquino
9:00 am	+Dolores Perez

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26:

10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
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Friday, November 27:

8:00 am	+Eugene and Jean Landrum
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Saturday, November 28:

8:00 am	(L) Fr. Mullins
5:00 pm	+Maria Teresa Alafriz
7:00 pm	+Felicitas Mendez

Work in Sanctuary The immense project of painting the sanctuary ceiling has begun! Crews from Tech Painting spent last week prepping the rear of the sanctuary before finally getting started. The difference has to be seen to be believed! The entire project will take a few weeks to complete. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation as prep-work (coverings, scaffolding, etc.) will remain in place until areas are finished. Please be mindful of the caution-taped areas and watch your step. Your generous contributions to the Capital Campaign have made this all possible—so thank you! To complete the renovations faster, *there will be no Adoration on Wednesdays* in November.

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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A Note on Governor Northam's Executive Order 67

On Monday, November 16, Governor Northam put into effect an order limiting social gatherings to 25 people, down from 250. However, this mandate **does not apply to Churches**. With that being said, Masses will continue to be celebrated throughout the Diocese, and our Parish Mass times will remain the same. The number of attendees at each Mass still depends on space available after proper social distancing.

Gift Drive at Mother of Light Center The Mother of Light Center (MOLC) is a Catholic organization which provides food, clothing, and spiritual support to the needy in Northern Virginia. We hope to buy gifts for 500 children this Christmas and need your help. To donate a gift either shop on our Amazon Charity Wish List at <https://bit.ly/christmasgiftlistMOLC> or mail gift cards for Wal-Mart or Target to MOLC, 421 Clifford Ave, Alexandria VA 22305.

Advent Angel Tree will be set up in the back of the church beginning the weekend of **Nov. 28/29**. Unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church the weekend of **Dec. 12/13**. This year we will be accepting clothing, books and educational toys/games only. No gift cards, please. Gifts returned earlier than Dec. 12 need to be brought directly to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Greetings from our Pastor

Next Thursday, November 26, is Thanksgiving Day, a feast to celebrate with the family. This year due to the situation we are experiencing, it will be different because perhaps many of our relatives will not travel to be with us due to the restrictions and many other challenges. I want to encourage you not to lose the peace nor the spirit that this celebration brings. There is so much to give thanks for, to mention a few: life, health, our children, family, and above all because God keeps us alive. May this day not just be a day of simple celebration and tradition, but rather of prayer and supplication so that all of this may soon come to an end!

As a parish, we will celebrate a special bilingual Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00 am. Those who wish to participate, please kindly come to the office and pick up a ticket; only 250 people will enter the mass due to the measures that we already know. On behalf of Father Rampino and I, our deacons, and the parish staff, I wish you a Blessed Thanksgiving.

I have you in my prayers. Happy Thanksgiving!

Fr. Alex

Gospel Commentary for the Solemnity of Christ the King: Our True King

Fr. Joseph Rampino

It is a great joy to be able to write to you as we together bring our Church year to a close with the powerful feast of Christ the King, Lord of the Universe. Before the Church draws us into the new year with the mysteries of Advent and the contemplation of Jesus' birth, she sends off the year with a vision of the triumph that awaits the Christian people at the end of all things, when Our Lord will be revealed in all his glory, and will rule over everything that exists, in heaven and on earth. What a tremendously consoling feast!

What does it mean though for us to say that Christ is King, and Lord of the Universe? In what way is He King? Is He only our King in the future? What does His Kingship mean for us right now?

The first thing we can say is that Christ is already King of all reality right now, even long before the day His full glory is revealed. As Christians we believe that reality is a monarchy, not a democracy. Democracies are one of the modes for interaction between human beings that God has permitted while we live in time, but they do not correspond to the nature of things as they are at their heart. No matter who rules over us or governs us in the human order, our only master, as Christians, is the God who created us, who knows us, and who loves us. We owe respect to civil authorities because Christ Himself commanded us to render to Caesar what is his, but all human power is merely permitted by God while He is about the business of drawing souls towards Himself.

This, of course, is why Christ does not rule over us more directly and obviously for the moment. He is a loving God who would rather have us as adopted members of his family than as slaves and subjects, so He does not dominate or oppress us. Rather, He gently calls to our souls and invites us with gifts and messages of love, calming our fears, meeting our needs, healing our wounds, even enduring our indifference to Him, or worse, the insults we can sometimes give Him in exchange for his love. Christ is a true King, not a tyrant, which means that not only will He not enforce His rule while there are hearts to be won, but also that His reign over us is in fact what is best for us in every way. In the end, when the time of decision is past, and every soul has chosen either to live for Christ's gentle kingdom or against it, His rule will be revealed to everyone, and all earthly powers will pass away, either casting down their borrowed authority willingly, as friends of the true King, or having it stripped from them by force. On that day, there will be no more human rulers, but only the Our Lord, and at long last, peace will rest over every people and nation.

What confidence can we not take from the message of this feast? The one who rules over all things loves us, and is on our side. The master of reality wants to make us members of His own family. There is such a thing as perfect justice, and it will have the irrevocable last word. Good wins, no matter what happens in human history.

So while we wait for this to come about, let's strengthen our hearts in hope. Let's bring everything in our souls into the Lord's kingdom now, so that we are ready when His inevitable victory does show itself. We can already live in that beautiful and sure future by conducting ourselves as Jesus' beloved royal family even now, in our homes, at work, simply by offering our hearts to God without reserve and with all courage. Then the joy of the final state of all things can break into our world today, where it can be a needed source of hope for everyone.



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 have sent out letters this week to those families who have not yet pledged to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



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 Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, 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:

Durante el último mes, muchos de ustedes han mostrado su inconformidad sobre nuestras medidas de seguridad y protocolos de COVID-19 para la Misa. Sus opiniones van desde que nuestros protocolos actuales son inadecuados e insuficientes, hasta que nuestras medidas de seguridad no son razonables, y extremas y que por esas medidas no se sienten bienvenidos.

En primer lugar, y lo más importante, agradezco la honestidad y el coraje que demuestran al hacer las observaciones, sus opiniones son muy importantes para mí. Respeto y agradezco mucho su franqueza al hablar sobre estos temas. Por lo tanto, por caridad y fidelidad que se merecen, escribo respetuosamente esta carta para aclarar las razones de los protocolos COVID-19 actualmente vigentes aquí en nuestra parroquia.

El 30 de junio, en respuesta al Coronavirus, nuestra Diócesis de Arlington desarrolló una **Guía para los Fieles Laicos** ("**Guía**"). Como sacerdote y como su párroco, ejerzo mi ministerio en comunión con mi obispo y debo obedecer sus decisiones, y debo seguirlas, con amor y respeto. Por ello, el obispo ha tomado decisiones bien claras con respecto a este tema, que no busca en ningún momento hacer mal a nadie, sino más bien protegernos ante esta situación, y como sacerdote de esta diócesis no dudare en obedecer.

Para ayudar a reducir la exposición al Coronavirus, las 70 parroquias de la Diócesis de Arlington, han incorporado esta **Guía**, ya que proporciona requisitos y pautas basadas en las mejores prácticas y recomendaciones de los profesionales de la salud pública. Se que algunas parroquias vecinas no siguen estos protocolos de manera correcta, pero en esos casos yo no puedo dar mi opinión, cada párroco es responsable de su propia parroquia, y en mi caso, soy solo responsable de ustedes y como dije, yo respetare lo que mi obispo me encomienda hacer. Les invito a que lean el documento completo aquí: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/coronavirus/>. Si bien algunas parroquias han tomado sus propias decisiones, yo he decidido ser fiel a lo que el obispo nos ha pedido.

Las dos áreas de protocolo que generaron más opiniones aquí en Reina de los Apóstoles son la Sagrada Comunión y las mascarillas. Estos dos asuntos se tratan a continuación guiados por la Diócesis y su Guía.

La Sagrada Comunión. Uno de los momentos más críticos durante la Misa, y es donde hay más probabilidad de contagio y propagación del Coronavirus, es la distribución de la Sagrada Comunión. ¿Cómo se puede minimizar este mayor riesgo de propagación del coronavirus?

Los comulgantes conservan el derecho a decidir cómo recibir, ya sea en la lengua o en la mano. Por favor, considere en oración recibir temporalmente con reverencia en la mano.

Se anima a los ministros a que se desinfecten las manos inmediatamente después de cada comulgante que reciba en la lengua, incluso si no se ha producido ningún contacto físico.

No está permitido recibir la Comunión con guantes. Remuévase los guantes para la recepción de la Comunión.

Mascarillas. Se espera que todos los feligreses se cubran la cara mientras estén en el templo.

Si bien las mascarillas pueden proporcionar al usuario una defensa mínima contra una infección por COVID-19, el uso correcto de una máscara reduce significativamente la capacidad del usuario de infectar a otros.

Una mascarilla es una barrera física que puede capturar gotas de todos los tamaños y evitar que el coronavirus y otros virus lleguen a la boca y nariz de otras personas. Las mascarillas brindan protección a todos los que rodean al usuario de inhalar los aerosoles y las gotas del usuario.

Entiendo que muchos tienen algunos argumentos basados en la fe y afirman que Dios nos protege, pero no hay que olvidar que también Dios nos invita a obedecer, y a seguir sus mandamientos. Por favor les pido que no tomen actitudes fatalistas o fanáticas que lo único que harán es llevarnos a un cierre de nuestra parroquia si se propaga el virus entre nuestros feligreses y es algo que no quiero que suceda.

Les invito a todos a que sigamos rezando por el regreso a la normalidad y la erradicación de este virus. Hasta entonces, sirvamos, protejamos y amémonos unos a otros respetando estos protocolos de seguridad.

En Cristo el Señor

Rev. Alexander Díaz, Párroco

Misas esta semana

Domingo 22 de noviembre:

8:00 am	+Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm	+Shoukry Said
1:30 pm	+Domingo Sacalxot

Lunes 23 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Enrique Espino
9:00 am	+Daniel O'Donohue

Martes 24 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Ernie Capule
9:00 am	+Rene Pizarroso

Miércoles 25 de noviembre:

6:30 am	+Haidi Aquino
9:00 am	+Dolores Perez

Jueves 26 de noviembre:

10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
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Viernes 27 de noviembre:

8:00 am	+Eugene and Jean Landrum
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Sabado 28 de noviembre:

8:00 am	(L) Fr. Mullins
5:00 pm	+Maria Teresa Alafriz
7:00 pm	+Felicitas Mendez

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.

El "Advent Angel Tree" se instalará en la parte trasera de la iglesia a partir del fin de semana del 28 al 29 de noviembre. Los regalos sin envolver deben devolverse a la iglesia el fin de semana del 13 de diciembre. Este año aceptaremos ropa, libros y juguetes/juegos educativos solamente. No tarjetas de regalo, por favor. Los regalos devueltos antes del 12 de diciembre deben llevarse directamente a la oficina parroquial. ¡Gracias por tu 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.

Nota sobre la Orden Ejecutiva 67 del Gobernador Northam

El lunes 16 de noviembre, el Gobernador Northam puso en vigor una orden que limita las reuniones sociales a 25 personas, en lugar de 250. Sin embargo, este mandato no se aplica a las iglesias. Dicho esto, se seguirán celebrando misas en toda la Diócesis y los horarios de misas en nuestra parroquia seguirán siendo los mismos. El número de asistentes a cada misa aún depende del espacio disponible después de un distanciamiento social adecuado. Continúe orando por los afectados por el coronavirus y sus familias.

Colecta de regalos en el Centro "Mother of Light"

El Centro Mother of Light (MOLC) es una organización católica que proporciona alimentos, ropa y apoyo espiritual a los necesitados en el norte de Virginia. Esperamos comprar regalos para 500 niños esta Navidad y necesitamos su ayuda. Para donar un regalo, compre en nuestra lista de deseos de beneficencia de Amazon en <https://bit.ly/christmasgiftlistMOLC> o envíe tarjetas de regalo para Walmart o Target a MOLC, 421 Clifford Ave, Alexandria VA 22305

Saludos de Acción de Gracias de nuestro Párroco

Queridos parroquianos:

El próximo jueves 26 de Noviembre es el día de acción de gracias, una fiesta para celebrar en familia. Este año por la situación que se vivimos será un tanto diferente, porque quizás muchos de nuestros familiares no podrán viajar para estar con nosotros debido a las medidas de seguridad y muchos otros retos que esto presenta. Quiero animarles a no perder la paz, ni el espíritu que esta celebración trae. Hay tanto porque dar gracias, por la vida, por la salud, por nuestros hijos, por la familia y sobretodo porque Dios nos mantiene con vida. Que este día no sea solo un día de simple celebración y tradición, sino más bien de oración y suplica para que todo esto llegue pronto a su fin.

Como parroquia celebraremos una misa especial de día de Gracias, a las 10:00am, aquellos que deseen participar por favor tengan la amabilidad de venir a la oficina y recoger un ticket para poder ingresar, solo 250 personas podrán entrar a la misa debido a las medidas que ya conocemos. En nombre del Padre Rampino y de nuestros diáconos, de todo el Staff, les deseo un feliz día de Acción de Gracias.

Les tengo en mis oraciones. Happy Thanksgiving.

P. Alex