

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,"  
says the Lord God,  
"the one who is and who was  
and who is to come, the almighty."*

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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.*

**RCIA** RCIA English and Spanish students are to attend the Rite of Acceptance and Rite of Welcoming on Sat, **Dec. 1** at 7 pm Mass (Spanish) or Sun, **Dec. 2** at 10:30 am Mass (English). The RCIA catechumens (unbaptized) and candidates (baptized) are to attend with their godparents/sponsors. Please sit in the first row closest to the Presider's Chair.

RCIA attendees who have not yet submitted birth (and as applicable, baptismal and marriage) certificates are asked to do so by **Dec. 3**.

**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).

**Night of Witness Vespers** In solidarity with the persecuted Church, please join Aid to the Church in Need for a Night of Witness, part of a worldwide effort to honor present day martyrs and suffering Christian brothers and sisters. The Night of Witness Vespers service takes place this Wednesday, **Nov. 28**, from 6:30-8 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, please visit <http://bit.ly/NightofWitness>.

**High School Placement Test (HSPT) Registration** Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, **Dec. 1**, or Saturday, **Jan. 12, 2019**. This test is required for placement at Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, Paul VI High School and Saint John Paul the Great High School. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>) and submit to the test site by **Nov. 29** for the December test.

**Religious Education** On Saturday, **Dec. 1** from 8:30 am-3:30 pm, QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and home-schooled students in grade 8 and all RE students in grade 8 and high school are to attend the retreat. Please meet in Hannan Hall.

Classes will not meet on **Nov. 25** for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

If you have an RE tuition balance, please pay by **Dec. 2**.

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 Rite of Acceptance for unbaptized students is Sunday, **Dec. 2** during the 10:30 am Mass. Students and their godparents are to attend and sit in the first row closest to the Presider's Chair.

The First Penance and First Holy Communion registration form and \$15 fee are due **Dec. 9**.

The packets for **Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance** and **First Holy Communion** can be found at: <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>.

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

**Early Bulletin Deadlines** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 2** and **Dec. 9** bulletin is Monday, **Nov. 26** by 9 am. Please email announcements to [m.saunders@queenofapostles.org](mailto:m.saunders@queenofapostles.org).

**Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe** Los invitamos a la Novena, Mañanitas, Misa y celebración de la Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe.

**Novena:** Del **3 al 11 de Diciembre** en la iglesia.

**Mañanitas:** Miércoles **12** a las 5 am. Habrá Mariachi, se bendecirán imágenes y después un desayuno en Hannan Hall.

**Misa Solemne Bilingüe:** Miércoles **12** a las 7 pm. Representación de la aparición de la Virgen de Guadalupe a las 6:15 pm. Los niños están invitados a vestir sus trajes típicos. Habrá Mariachi y un compartir en Hannan Hall.

**Preguntas:** Por favor llamar a Lucero González (571) 282-1664, o a Mónica Muñoz (703) 200-0077.



## Pastor's Letter

### King and Lord

“In this final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church invites us to celebrate the Lord Jesus as King of the Universe. She calls us to look to the future, or more properly into the depths, to the ultimate goal of history, which will be the definitive and eternal kingdom of Christ” (Pope Benedict, Homily Nov 25 2012).

With this statement, Pope Benedict captures the meaning of the Solemnity of Christ the King which is the crowning of the liturgical year. This celebration puts it in the right perspective: human history walks towards something definitive and eternal. And this is a journey we do with Jesus and the Church. His birth is a new beginning for human time, which counts “the year of the Lord.” And this time connects with eternity where Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Are we part of this journey, or do we let the currents of worldly fashion sweep us along? In this liquid and fluid culture, do we have a solid anchor?

A good example would be gender ideology. We see how more letters are added to the “LGBT” acronym: Q, I, A... A fundamental truth about the human person is denied: that one is male or female, and that this is a gift from God. After this denial, this ideology begins to define the person's identity based on feelings with the consequence of not knowing really who we are.

The Oxford Dictionary's Word of the Year 2016 was “post-truth”, an adjective defined as “relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief”. Truth is irrelevant. Emotions matter. And actually a very frequent use of this adjective is “post-truth politics.”

In front of this stands Jesus, whose kingdom does not belong to this world. Yes, He is a king. “For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice” (Jn 18:37).

Is Jesus King and Lord? In my family life, in my affections, in my desires, in my lifestyle? Do I cling to the truth? Jesus' is a kingdom of freedom, love and truth. We can belong to him only if we unreservedly embrace truth: “To be disciples of Jesus, then, means not letting ourselves be allured by the worldly logic of power, but bringing into the world the light of truth and God's love” (Pope Benedict, Homily Nov 25 2012).

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## Towards a Family Friendly Parish

### Prayers to Accompany the Journey of the Sick, Dying and Mourning

**For a Sick Person:** *Lord and Father, almighty and eternal God, by your blessing you give us strength and support in our frailty: turn with kindness toward this your servant N. Free him/her from all illness and restore him/her to health, so that in the sure knowledge of your goodness he/she will gratefully bless your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**For Those About to Die:** *Lord Jesus Christ, as you stood by the bed of good Saint Joseph and gently led him home to heaven, so shepherd every soul about to die to a paradise of perfect peace. Let the tears we shed upon their passing stand witness to our love for them and the depth of our thanksgiving for the gift of their lives and the grace of a good death. For you are Lord, forever and ever. Amen.*

**For Mourners:** *Lord, N. is gone now from this earthly dwelling, and has left behind those who mourn his/her absence. Grant that we may hold his/her memory dear, never bitter for what we have lost nor in regret for the past, but always in hope of the eternal Kingdom where you will bring us together again. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## This Week In Our Parish

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### Sunday, November 25:

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 26:

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 27:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study  
Parish Office 5:45-7:15 pm Bible Study  
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

#### Wednesday, November 28:

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

#### Thursday, November 29:

Hannan Hall 3:00-4:30 pm Children's Choir Practice  
Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary  
Hannan Hall 6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus  
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour  
School 9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph Men's Group

#### Friday, November 30:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's  
Adoration Hour  
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Saturday, December 1:

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-3:30 pm Confirmation Retreat  
Parish Office 1:00-6:00 pm Stephen Ministry  
School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group  
School 6:00-8:00 pm QofA Annual School Auction  
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 this Sunday, for the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

### **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)

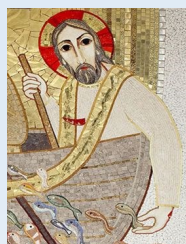
**Precio:** \$180 Si tienes pensado asistir, debes hacer una preinscripción antes del día 7 de diciembre, entregando la ficha de inscripción y abonando \$70 en la oficina de la Parroquia.

**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



### **"My kingdom does not belong**

**to this world."** Are you being called to proclaim the glorious reign of Christ the King as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? 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).

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.



### **School Auction Next Saturday!**

Our annual school auction is next Saturday, **Dec. 1** at 6 pm in the school gym. Buy your tickets online today at [www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org) before they are sold out 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!

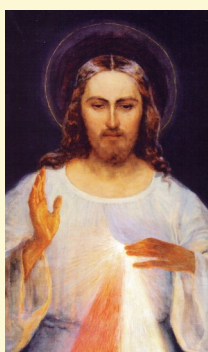


### **Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers**

Please prayerfully consider devoting an hour of your time each week to support these urgent needs: Tuesday morning, 1 am to 2 am, Friday morning, 4 am to 5 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.

**Giving Tuesday for New Recess Equipment** Giving Tuesday is a nation-wide, one-day charitable giving event the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. If you would like to make a \$5, \$10, \$20 or greater donation to Queen of Apostles this Giving Tuesday, proceeds will help us to purchase new recess equipment for the school. Look for an online giving form that will be sent out on Tuesday, **Nov. 27** as well as posted on the parish website. Or, you may write a check to Queen of Apostles with "Giving Tuesday" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!



### **Divine Mercy**

*"Why are you fearful and why do you tremble when you are united to Me? I am displeased when a soul yields to vain terrors. Who will dare to touch you when you are with Me? Most dear to Me is the soul that strongly believes in My goodness and has complete trust in Me. I heap My confidence upon it and give it all it asks."*

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 453)

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Stewardship Corner** Our parish planning study will be concluding soon. Thank you to all those who have participated and given their feedback on the proposed facilities improvements to the parish. If your family has not yet completed the survey, visit [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org) and complete it by this weekend before it is closed for submissions.

On a separate note, the end of the year is just around the corner, and so now is a great time to start thinking about financial planning and how you can make the most of the new tax laws before 2018 is over! For example, an IRA Charitable Transfer is an excellent way to make gifts and receive tax benefits in return. As you plan your required minimum distributions for this year, consider using your IRA account to make the most of your charitable giving. You receive a tax benefit even if you take the standard deduction! Learn more about IRA Charitable Transfers, as well as other charitable giving opportunities under the new Tax Laws, by visiting [arlingtondiocese.plannedgiving.org](http://arlingtondiocese.plannedgiving.org).

*Saint Andrew, pray for us.*

**The Annual Women's Group Gift, Jewelry, and Bake Sale** is scheduled for next Sunday, **Dec. 2** after all morning Masses in Hannan Hall. There will be a nice selection of Gift Items, Jewelry, and delicious Baked Goods. This year the famous Bean Soup Mix will be available. Please plan to visit and support the fund raising for the charitable work of the Women's Group.

**ACCA** (Annandale Christian Community for Action) collects food on the First Sunday of each Month. Non-perishable food should be placed in the vestibule during the Sunday Masses.

Anyone wishing to participate in the ACCA Holiday Basket/Adopt a Family Thanksgiving or Christmas giving should contact Mary Lee Di Spirito at (703) 256-9513 or [ddmld@verizon.net](mailto:ddmld@verizon.net) for more information. Please include your name, address and phone number.

**QofA Parish Secretary Position** QofA is currently seeking a full-time Secretary for our Parish Office. The Parish Secretary will be responsible for providing administrative support to the Pastor, priests, and church staff. Some duties include: answering phone calls, maintaining sacramental records, assisting with the coordination of baptisms, weddings & funerals, and creating a warm, welcoming, family inspired atmosphere to all those who come to the Parish Office. Candidate must be a practicing Catholic, bilingual in English and Spanish, and have excellent organizational and communications skills. Prior secretarial experience is preferred.

For a complete job description and application, please visit the parish website at [www.queenofapostles.org](http://www.queenofapostles.org). Please send cover letter and resume to Flora Wack, Office Supervisor via email to [f.wack@queenofapostles.org](mailto:f.wack@queenofapostles.org).

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

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#### Sunday, November 25:

7:30 am +Anna Nguyen Thi Vien  
9:00 am +Dolores Perez  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm +Peter Nguyen Kinh

#### Monday, November 26:

6:30 am +Anna Nguyen Thi Vien  
9:00 am +Maria Pelaez

#### Tuesday, November 27:

6:30 am +Mary Tuat Thi Nguyen  
9:00 am +Martha Bracken

#### Wednesday, November 28:

6:30 am +Giuse Nguyen Xuan Phung  
9:00 am +Joanna Argirou

#### Thursday, November 29:

6:30 am +Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy  
9:00 am +Anne Camp

#### St. Andrew - Friday, November 30:

6:30 am +Peter Nguyen Kinh  
9:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thach, Sr.

#### Saturday, December 1:

8:00 am +Mary Nguyen Thi Tuy  
5:00 pm +Justine Pignatel  
7:00 pm +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen

#### First Sunday of Advent - December 2:

7:30 am +Alex and Agnes Debnar  
9:00 am +Else Ryan  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Eugene and Jean Landrum

*The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.*



### **Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill**

Kevin Bonko, Beverly Spagnoli, Anna Anderson, Leo Monterroso, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelevina León-Duarte, Michelle Jacobeen, Gabriel Carreon, Pedro Baiza, Jean McDermott, Maria Reyes, Anne and James Kemble, Tesfa Haile, Virginia Shea, Margaret Cihak, Marion Jacobeen, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozardo, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Daisy Atiyeh, Dick Owens, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo