

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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CLERGY

Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
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

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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.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Dec. 3/4** bulletin is Monday, **Nov. 28** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Subscribe to Our Weekly Parish E-Newsletter

To sign up please visit
<https://queenofapostles.org/news/>

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.

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.

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.

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 Religious Education does not have classes this Sunday, **Nov. 27**. Happy Thanksgiving! Classes resume on Sunday, **Dec. 4**.

For students desiring Confirmation: the registration form and sacramental fee were due **Nov. 6**. The saint reports for RE students is due **Dec. 4** (**Nov. 21** for school students).

For students desiring First Penance and First Holy, the registration form and sacramental fee are due **Dec. 11**.



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, 7:30-9:00 pm. The RCIA class in Spanish meets on Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 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. 11** (change in date) at 10:30 am or Saturday, **Dec. 3** at 7 pm (Spanish). Your godparent/sponsor is invited to attend, too.



Pastor's Letter

Blessed is He Who Comes in The Name of The Lord

This Sunday we start a new liturgical year with the Advent Season. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. What should we do to be prepared? Convert.

Advent is therefore a time to come back to the Lord, to repent from our sins in order to effectively change our life and leave behind addictions. The Lord will come as judge, but in the meantime He is giving us an opportunity to get ready for His coming. It is a good time to go again to confession and get rid of our sins. Thus, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament, we will grow in holiness and wait joyfully and confidently for Jesus' coming.

As a family awaits joyfully the birth of a child, Advent is a special time for Mary. We imitate her joy and prepare with her the birth of Jesus as well as His last coming. As we prepare with Mary, we realize that even during this time we receive daily Jesus' visitation. Advent is a season of joy and hope, as we prepare to welcome Him who comes in the name of the Lord. The judge we await is a child, gentle and merciful of heart.

This year we have two other "Advents". The first one is our new Bishop, Michel Burbidge. He will be installed on December 6th, becoming the fifth bishop of Arlington. Perhaps our best way to prepare for his arrival is to treasure the many blessings the Diocese received with Bishop Loverde and to pray for Bishop Burbidge so that he will be a wise and courageous shepherd and father for our Diocesan Family.

We just celebrated Thanksgiving Day. It is good to give thanks to the Lord for Bishop Loverde and to remember and treasure the many good things that happened these past years, especially the preparation and consecration to the Sacred Heart by the Diocese, the parishes and the households.

The second "Advent" is the new President. We can prepare, first of all, with prayer. Secondly, by promoting unity, concord and peace in our society. And lastly, by continuing our formation in faithful citizenship and becoming more active and present in the decision-making processes in our cities, counties or school boards to the Congress. Anti-Catholic culture and values are being promoted. It is our task to support our representatives when they promote the common good and Christian values in our Country.

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

Step 4: Attend Mass daily

This Week In Our Parish

First Sunday of Advent - November 27:

No RE Classes

Hannan Hall 2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group

Monday, November 28:

Cupertino Room 7:00-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in English

Tuesday, November 29:

Hannan Hall 10:00-11:30 am Bible Study

Hannan Hall 6:00-7:15 pm Bible Study

Hannan Hall 7:30-9:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

St. Andrew, Apostle - Wednesday, November 30:

Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Notre Dame Graduate School 7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, December 1:

Hannan Hall 2:30-3:30 pm Teacher Prayer Group

Parish Office 6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary

Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Parish Office 8:00-9:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, December 2:

Adoration Chapel 11:00 am-12 noon Children's

Adoration Hour

Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Hannan Hall 3:45-5:30 pm Nazareth

Hannan Hall 5:30-9:00 pm Homeschoolers Group

School 6:00-8:00 pm Open Gym

Notre Dame Graduate School 6:00-8:00 pm Emmaus

St. Francis Xavier - Saturday, December 3:

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-3:30 pm Confirmation Retreat

Church 9:00 am-3:30 pm Confirmation Retreat

Parish Office 1:00-3:30 pm Stephen Ministry

School 4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group

4:30-6:45 pm Matrimony Class

School 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

Notre Dame Graduate School 8:15-10:15 pm

Grupo de Matrimonios

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4:

Towards a Family Fully Alive Program

Vestibule KofC Christmas Card Sale

Vestibule ACCA Food Collection

Hannan Hall Women's Group Bake & Gift Sale

School 9:00-10:15 am Religious Education

Hannan Hall 8:30 am-1:30 pm Sunday Social

Towards a Family Fully Alive



Bible Reflection

"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

James 1:27

Widows and Widowers

November 2016



Vocations

Day of Retreat for Men and Women

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, **Dec. 17** and a day retreat for women on Sunday, **Dec. 18**. Both run from 9 am-5 pm and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by **Dec. 9** by contacting (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Grupo de Matrimonios En este adviento del 2016, el Señor nos invita a profundizar en nuestra vida matrimonial y familiar y por eso después de un largo deseo llega la oportunidad de crear un grupo de matrimonios que caminen juntos en el descubrimiento de su vocación matrimonial y misión en el mundo.

Día y Hora: Sábado, 3 de diciembre, de 8:15 pm a 10:15 pm

Lugar: Notre Dame Graduate School (al lado de la iglesia)

Sacerdote que acompañará: P. Javier, DCJM

Heads of Ministries Meeting, 12/5 The coordinators of our parish's forty-six ministries meet quarterly to receive formation from Fr. Leopoldo, to coordinate with and gather information from the parish office, and to strengthen our respective ministries and parish leadership. Our next meeting, originally scheduled for **Nov. 21**, has been moved to Monday, **Dec. 5** from 7 to 8:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Ministries may have up to three representatives attend. Parishioners desiring to take a leadership role in the parish also are invited to attend. RSVP to d.cook@queenofapostles.org. We thank all our Heads of Ministries who serve as models of Discipleship, Stewardship and Family for our parish.

A Word from the Pastoral Council

Father Leopoldo and the Pastoral Council met on November 9th to review the status of the Parish. During the meeting, we discussed to following topics:

Parish Life. Our parish's theme for 2017 is Toward a Family Fully Alive (TFFA). The November topic is "Widows and Widowers." We as a Parish family need to reach out to our fellow parishioners who have lost their spouse. The Rule of Life is taking hold in the Parish. After a successful month of October which focused on the Rosary, we continue to add to our Rule with ways of participating more fully in the Mass. Make sure you pick up your Rule of Life card in the Church - collect all 10!

Annual Report. Dave Cook, director of operations and stewardship, reviewed the 2015-16 Annual Report. The office staff produced this report in house at 1/6th the cost of last year's report. How is that for stewardship? Pick up a copy of the Report in the back of the Church and read about the many ministries and activities going on at our Parish. Also, read about the financial health of our Parish. Thank you for your support of our Parish through our Annual Offertory Program.

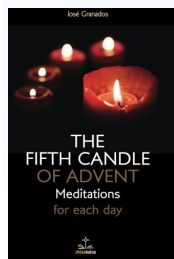
Please continue to pray for our priests, parish staff, parish ministries, and the Pastoral Council. Have a blessed and holy Advent as we prepare to welcome our Lord in the humility of the crib.

Chip Souser, Chair

Enrich Your Advent

"For the Magi God's light appeared as a journey to be undertaken, a star which led them on a path of discovery. The star is a sign of God's patience with our eyes which needs to grow accustomed to his brightness."

Pope Francis, Encyclical *The Light of Faith* n. 35



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Fr. José Granados, DCJM,
is Vice-President and Professor of Dogmatic
Theology at the Pontifical John Paul II
Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family
at the Lateran University in Rome.

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.



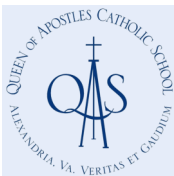
Annual Bake, Jewelry and Gift Sale The Women's Group is having their annual bake, jewelry, and gift sale on Sunday, **Dec. 4** after all Masses in Hannan Hall.

Please bring baked goods Saturday, **Dec. 3**, to Hannan Hall between 5:00 and 7:00 pm or before all Masses on Sunday.

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 Charity**.

Stephen Ministry Does life's struggles pull you down? Do you feel 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.

Legion of Mary Auxiliaries... Special Request! We are attempting to recover a lost database list of Auxiliary members. Auxiliary and probationary Auxiliary members - please take a minute to contact us to confirm your membership. Call Jim Bailey at (703) 354-1832 or Jean Hetsko at (703) 750-2241. We appreciate your spiritual support!



Join Us for the Queen of Apostles School Christmas Concert on **Dec. 16** at 7 pm in the school gym. There will be a reception with food and drinks following the concert. All are encouraged to attend.

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Masses this Week

Monday, November 28:

6:30 am +Joshua Chedid
9:00 am +Roy Jenkinson

Tuesday, November 29:

6:30 am +Nicholas Boschi
9:00 am +Anthony Baiamonte

St. Andrew, Apostle - Wednesday, November 30:

6:30 am +William Reiner
9:00 am +Joseph and Annelle Thach, Sr.

Thursday, December 1:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Juan Alvarez, Stabat Mater I.S.
9:00 am (L) Shirley Bartholme

Friday, December 2:

6:30 am +Nicholas Boschi
9:00 am +Walter Littlefield

St. Francis Xavier - Saturday, December 3:

8:00 am Mr. and Mrs. John G. Mc'Auliffe & Family
5:00 pm +Emilio and Bertha Castro
7:00 pm +Roberto Quiroga

Second Sunday of Advent - December 4:

7:30 am +Tomas Lamberty
9:00 am +Else Ryan
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Harold Baker

Do you want to become a Citizen? Apply now! Come to a citizenship application workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services. When: **Dec. 10**, registration from 10 am to 1 pm. Where: Dar al Hijrah, 3159 Row Street, Falls Church 22044. Cost: \$110, cash or credit. Contact us to pre-register: (571) 208-1572 or hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop.

Nourishing Our Souls with Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



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 Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Teresa Subalussy, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith