



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

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 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

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Jodi Reagan, Principal
Mrs. Maria Fox, Secretary
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www.queenofapostlesschool.org



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.



Becoming Catholic - Adult Faith Formation/RCIA Classes have Begun! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

Can you answer "Yes" to any of these questions?:

Are you unbaptized and recognized a desire and need for the Church in your life?

Are you baptized Catholic or in another Christian denomination but have not received formal catechesis? Are you missing the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation?

Do you attend Mass and want to take the next step in becoming Catholic?

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and Spanish on Wednesdays, 7:30-9 pm. Classes are held at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA).

Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org for more information. An inquiry form will be sent, or, stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form.

We will need your birth and baptismal (if applicable) certificate/s. For couples married outside of the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony, an important step to receiving the other Sacraments and living the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

Altar Servers A Blessing of Altar Servers will take place during Masses on **Nov. 4-5**. Altar servers/families will begin hosting the Vocations Crucifix beginning **Nov. 4-5**. A sign-up will be sent to families to host the Crucifix for one week.

QofA CYO Basketball Parents wanting to register their 3rd through 8th Grade students for QofA CYO Basketball may pick up the necessary forms at the rectory or school office. Completed forms and \$75 check made payable to Queen of Apostles must be returned by **Oct. 20**. If you have any questions, please email Kim Battaglia at levineka@hotmail.com or Coach Jeff at jdelaconcepcion@verizon.net.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 29** bulletin is Monday, **Oct 23** by 9 am. Please email bulletin announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

Religious Education Fr. Juan will lead a **Baptism/Sacraments of Initiation** meeting on **Oct. 22** at 9 am with Religious Education parents of unbaptized children over the age of 7 years old who have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education. The meeting will be held in the School's Multipurpose Room/Library.

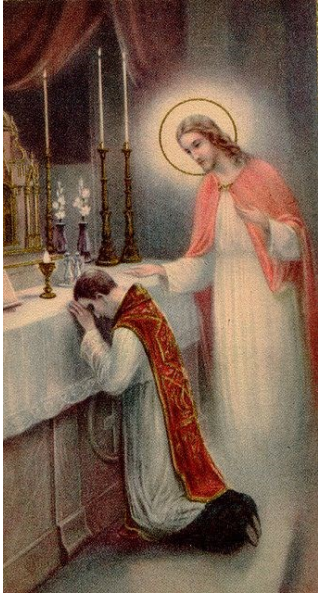
The **Dec. 2** retreat is for all students in 8th grade and high school Religious Education, and 8th graders enrolled at QofA School, Ghana Catholic Community, and those who are homeschooled and desire Confirmation. The retreat is 8:30 am-3:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

As a reminder, the Sacrament of Confirmation registration form and fee are due to the parish office by **Nov. 5**.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 5-8 This year, in order to maintain a good ratio of adult-leader-student, the number of students participating in Nazareth will be limited. Students in grades 5-8 who are interested in Nazareth meetings are to submit written responses to the following questions: 1) What is your favorite story in the Bible and why? 2) Why are you interested in participating in Nazareth and what do you hope to get out of it? Written responses are to be returned to Fr. Juan or Susan Gray at the parish office. Students will be invited to join Fr. Juan and high school/college leaders in Hannan Hall on the first and third Fridays of the month. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Questions? Please contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus for High School/College Students, Open Gym All high school and young college students are invited to join Fr. Juan and their peers on Saturdays (except the 1st Sat. of the month), 8:30-10 pm at Christendom College/Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, faith discussion, and prayer. On the first Friday of the month, join Mr. Kasenge for Open Gym, 6-8 pm in the School Gym. Questions? Please contact s.gray@queenofapostles.org or call (703) 354-8711.

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**.



Pastor's Letter

Gift and Mystery

On the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination, St. John Paul II wrote an inspiring book about priesthood: Gift and Mystery. There he states: "For every priest, in every age, the greatest task is each day to discover his own priestly "today" in the "today" of Christ."

This coming Tuesday I will celebrate with my brother priests and the whole parish family this "gift and mystery": 25 years of my priestly ordination. There will be a Mass to give thanks for this gift and the many blessings the Lord poured on his holy people.

Priesthood is a mystery hidden in the Heart of Jesus. Why does Jesus choose a man to introduce him in his priesthood? Why does Jesus want you to remain so close to him to become one sacrificial victim with him? For this question there is no response but much awe.

Vocation to priesthood begins with a unique encounter with Jesus, with his redeeming love who calls you to become one with him. This call reaches the deepest recesses of the heart stirring a response of love, love of self-giving to the One who "has loved me and given himself up for me" (Gal 2:20).

When I was in middle school, I used to serve at the school Mass. From the sanctuary I could read in a stained glass window a text which impacted me more and more: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you" (Jn 15:12). As I was serving Mass I could understand that the Eucharist was about Jesus' love.

This brought me to realize that Jesus' love is personal, real. Jesus does love me, and wants me to be a close friend: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love... I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father" (Jn 15:9,15).

Priesthood is about giving yourself to the Church, but it is even more about becoming one with Jesus in his priesthood. To be a priest is to be transformed into Jesus, to be taken in the stream of his sacrifice to the Father in the mystery of redemption. In the rite of Holy Orders, the bishop says to the newly ordained: "Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

This Tuesday we will celebrate with great joy this anniversary. I count on your prayers to respond to this great gift of being one with Jesus in his priesthood to be Jesus for you. Indeed priesthood is a great gift for the church.

With the support of your prayers, help your clergy to find themselves in Christ to be faithful to our sacred task: "For every priest ... the greatest task is each day to discover his own priestly "today" in the "today" of Christ."

Towards a Missionary Family – Baptism - October 2017

Family Workshop (Rule of Life)

1. Set up a "Baptism exhibit" at home: Place some water, a candle, a white garment, and some oil. Find the meaning of these symbols in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n.1234-1245). Add some pictures and certificates of your family members' Baptisms.
2. Install a Holy Water font at home. Bless yourselves with the Holy Water as you leave or enter your home.
3. Renew as a family your Baptismal Vows (www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1653). Reflect on their meaning, and after renewing them celebrate with a special meal.
4. Read and meditate as a family the text of Jesus' Baptism (Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22).

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22:

World Missions Sunday

Parish Vestibule	KofC Membership Drive & Christmas Card Sale
School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm Prayer Group

Monday, October 23:

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

Tuesday, October 24:

Hannan Hall	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
School	8:00-9:00 pm Reception for Fr. Leopoldo's 25th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination

Wednesday, October 25:

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

Thursday, October 26:

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's Men Group

Friday, October 27:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, October 28:

Hannan Hall	1:00-5:00 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

Second Collection Today's Second Collection will be for the World Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

25 YEARS A PRIEST



*"As the Father loves me,
so I also love you." John 15:9*

JOIN US OCTOBER 24TH to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Fr. Leopoldo's priestly ordination.

There will be a 6:30 PM Mass concelebrated by Fr. Paul Scalia, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Arlington, and Fr. Javier Nieva, DCJM, former Queen of Apostles parochial vicar, among other concelebrants and guests.

Following Mass, there will be a reception in St. Joseph's Hall (School Gymnasium).



Vocations

"Give to God what is God's." You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Come pray with Bishop Burbidge for Vocations

Join Bishop Burbidge for a Holy Hour for Vocations on **Nov. 3** at St. John the Baptist in Front Royal at 7:30 pm, followed by a light reception. No RSVP needed. For more information visit www.ArlingtonVocations.org, or call (703) 841-2514.

Offertory Program Thank you to all the parish families who completed an offertory commitment form last Sunday. If you haven't yet complete one, please take an envelope from church today and remit either in the Sunday offertory basket or to the parish office.

40 Days for Life Catholics throughout our Diocese are invited to take part in the 40 Days for Life Campaign this Fall (**Sep. 27-Nov. 5**) to end abortion in our country. For a list of events and to sign up to pray, visit www.40DaysForLife.com.



Children's Holy Half Hour Fr. Leopoldo has generously offered to come lead a Children's Holy Half-Hour every other Friday from 11:00-11:30 am in the Adoration Chapel! Please come with your little ones for prayer, incense and discussion of the faith in Jesus' Presence. Upcoming date: **Oct. 27**. Email Cara at caraf.cook@gmail.com for additional information.

Priesthood Sunday Spiritual Bouquet Priesthood Sunday is on **Oct. 29**. Parishioners are invited to contribute to a Spiritual Bouquet for our DCJM Priests and for former pastors of the parish celebrating their 25th ordination anniversaries. A display will be in the vestibule over the next week for parishioners to offer their gifts of prayer.



Queen of Apostles Catholic School

Please help support Queen of Apostles Catholic School by using our school code or linking your current Harris Teeter VIC card. The code to help support us is 4260. You can visit www.HarrisTeeter.com to link your card or link it in stores. Thank you for your continued support.

"O my child, bethink you that just as the bee, having gathered heaven's dew and earth's sweetest juices from amid the flowers, carries it to her hive; so the Priest, having taken the Savior, God's Own Son, Who came down from Heaven, the Son of Mary, Who sprang up as earth's choicest flower, from the Altar, feeds you with that Bread of Sweetness and of all delight." - St. Frances de Sales

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thes 1:5C-10 Mt 22:34-40



Knights of Columbus, Council 4522 Membership

Drive The Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522 invite all Catholic gentlemen to consider joining their Order during their Fall Membership Drive happening in the vestibule after Mass. The Knights will also be selling Christmas cards dedicated to Keeping Christ in Christmas.

Support the Knights and the Rosary All current Knights and their families are invited and encouraged to participate in the Knights of Columbus, Pope John Paul II Council 4522's first Corporate Communion to be held in conjunction with the Noon Mass on **Oct. 29**. Current Knights, and those wishing to become Knights, will be seated together with their families. Immediately following the Mass, the Knights, led by Sir Knight, Fr. Leopoldo, will pray the Rosary. All parish members are invited to participate in this prayerful event.

Virginia Catholic Conference Voter Education

Resources On **Nov. 7**, Virginians will elect their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. To help voters prepare for these elections the Virginia Catholic Conference has compiled three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. The Conference, which represents Virginia's bishops on public policy matters, neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office. As they consider these races and also local House of Delegates races, voters are encouraged to form their consciences by consulting the Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These materials, along with Spanish translations can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/2017virginiaelection/.

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.

Invitation to Culmore Clinic Open House and Pancake Fundraiser

The Culmore Clinic, founded in 2007 by two St. Anthony of Padua parishioners, is an interfaith, non-profit clinic which provides medical care to uninsured adults in Bailey's Crossroads. Join us at The Original Pancake House (7395 Lee Highway, Falls Church) on Thursday, **Oct. 26** from 7 am-3 pm. 15% of proceeds will go to the Culmore Clinic.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22:

7:30 am +Jocelyn Walter
9:00 am +Esther Stanley
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Saint John of Capistrano - Monday, October 23:

6:30 am +Pat Vanden Bergh
9:00 am +Raphael Agtarap

Saint Anthony Mary Claret - Tuesday, October 24:

6:30 am (L) Stephen Rodgers
9:00 am (L) Fr. Leopoldo M. Vives, dcjm
6:30 pm Fr. Leopoldo's 25th Anniversary Mass
of his Priestly Ordination

Wednesday, October 25:

6:30 am +Bernadette Durkson
9:00 am +Francis Gerald Major

Thursday, October 26:

6:30 am (L) Doreen Ahakuelo
9:00 am +Teresa Moggan

Friday, October 27:

6:30 am (L) Willa Marie Blanco
9:00 am +Walt Rabe

Saints Simon and Jude - Saturday, October 28:

8:00 am +Janet Cascio
5:00 pm +Mary and James Lyons
7:00 pm +Segundina Allcca De Cordova and
Juan Cordova Pintado

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29:

7:30 am +Esther Stanley
9:00 am +Catherine T. Czaja
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynem

*Congratulations on Your 25 Years of
Holy Priesthood, Fr. Leopoldo!*



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Daniel O'Donohue, Jeanie Miller, Rosa María Santos, Debbie DuBrul, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks Ruth Foreman and Baby, Charles Ferris, John Harchick, Jr., 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, Etelvina and Patricia León-Duarte, J. Saunders, Catherine Hanniff, Kristi Burns, Kathleen Donohoe, 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, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Donna Smith