



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.
(Heb 5:6)*

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www.queenofapostles.org

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
(703) 354-0714
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.

Catholic Adult but Not Confirmed? Interested in Becoming Catholic? Join RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church.

RCIA is for three groups of adults:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those 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 and have not completed their initiation: those who have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

RCIA classes are held through **Jun. 2019**. Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays and in Spanish on Wednesdays. Classes are held at Christendom College Graduate School (4407 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA). Books are provided. Please register by contacting the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or by emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form can be sent or, you may stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to complete the form. Please bring birth and baptismal certificates.

For couples not married in 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 and set an appointment to meet with a priest.



Altar Server Training

Boys in grade 4 and higher who have attended previous altar server trainings have their last training on Sunday, **Oct. 28** at 1 pm with Mr. Kirby. New servers and those who would like a refresher are asked to meet Mr. Kirby at the front of the church near the ambo. Generally, altar boys serve every other weekend. Servers who complete the training will be added to the Nov.-Dec. Mass schedule.

Thank you for serving our Lord in the Eucharist. A Blessing of Altar Servers will take place during Masses on **Nov. 3-4**.

In November, families will begin host the Vocations Crucifix. 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 classes begin promptly at 9 am. Please arrive no later than 8:45 am. A parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student each week. Students are to bring their textbook, paper, pen/pencil and completed homework to class.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation packet is posted at <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>. The Confirmation registration form and fee are due **Nov. 4**. The Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion packet is posted to <https://queenofapostles.org/religious-education/>.

Parents with unbaptized children over the age of 7 and have attended 2+ years of Religious Education have a mandatory meeting with the priest on **Nov. 4** at 9 am in the School Library. The Sacraments packet will be distributed at the meeting.

Catechists and aides are invited to attend the **Nov. 17** Annual Diocesan Catechetical Conference. If you would like to register, please email 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.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Nov. 4** bulletin is Monday, **Oct. 29** by 9 am. Please email announcements to m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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**.

All Souls Day Mass at Fairfax Memorial Park

Please join Bishop Burbidge and brother priests as he celebrates a Mass of Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed at 11 am on Friday, **Nov. 2**, at Fairfax Memorial Park (9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax). We will remember our deceased relatives and loved ones in this moving outdoor liturgy. In the event of inclement weather the rain site will be Holy Spirit Catholic Church (8800 Braddock Road, Fairfax).



Pastor's Letter

Preparing for All Saints

For the last few Sundays we have been reading Mark's chapter 10. After Jesus announces his passion for the third time, the sons of Zebedee ask him to sit at his right and left sides. Clearly they are singing a different tune. Then Jesus reminds all the apostles that he came not to be served but to serve (Mk 10:45).

Today an insightful miracle happens: a blind man is healed. This is a sign to the apostles, whom don't see as Jesus does. Pope Benedict notes: "It represents man who needs God's light, the light of faith, if he is to know reality truly and to walk the path of life. It is essential to acknowledge one's blindness, one's need for this light, otherwise one could remain blind forever" (Homily October 28, 2012).

Which are my blind spots? Do I desire to acknowledge my blindness and ask Jesus for healing?

Let me examine some points in which we can evaluate how much we see with "the light of faith." They are events in which now we are involved. Parish Offertory Program. Midterm elections. All Saints Day and Halloween. and others ... Let me make some points about them.

Parish Offertory Program. Do we consider seriously what do I want to give to my Parish? Do we give out of gratitude? Or tediously, even if much? Let's look to the saints and let them inspire us. When we think of Heaven's richness, how would I steward the treasure the Lord has given me?

Midterm elections. Which are the principles my candidate stands for? How does he or she approach the non-negotiable ethical issues: abortion, euthanasia, marriage, cloning, research involving destroying human beings in their embryo stage? Who is closer to the principles we have as Catholics? Please, don't place these issues in our blind spot.

It's fall, and that means ochre, orange and burgundy all around. And All Saints is coming soon. And we see skeletons, ghosts, zombies and bewitched pumpkins. Is this what a Catholic eye sees when celebrating All Saints? Did you realize the different setting for All Saints and Halloween? How deep and enthusiastically do we get into it?

So with Bartimaeus, today we cry out: "Master, I want to see" (Mk 10:51). We want to receive that light of Faith which will allow us to see with a Catholic eye, healing the blind spots in our vision. As Pope Benedict says, "It is essential to acknowledge one's blindness, one's need for this light, otherwise one could remain blind forever."

All Saints Day

On November 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints.

All Saints Day is a **Holy Day of Obligation**.

Masses on Thursday, November 1

6:30 and 9:00 am
12:00 noon and 7:00 pm (Bilingual)

All you holy Saints of God, pray for us.

All Souls Day

On November 2, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

Although All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation, loved ones are encouraged to attend Mass and pray for their beloved deceased.

Masses on Friday, November 2

6:30 and 9:00 am
7:00 pm (Requiem Mass in Latin)

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

This Week In Our Parish

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 28:

All Saints Picking Party

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
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00 pm	Prayer Group

Monday, October 29:

Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	JPII HS Meet & Greet
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm	RCIA in English

Tuesday, October 30:

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, October 31:

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

Thursday, November 1:

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
School	9:00-10:15 pm	St. Joseph's Men Group

Friday, November 2:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am	Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:00-7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Couples for Christ
Hannan Hall	9:00 pm-8:00 am	First Friday Adoration Vigil

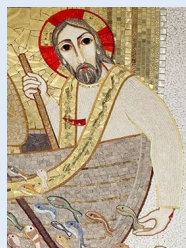
Saturday, November 3:

Hannan Hall	9:00 am-7:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
Parish Office	1:00-6:00 pm	Stephen Ministry
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

"I am the Mother of all the Poor Souls, for my prayers serve to mitigate their sufferings every single hour that they remain in Purgatory." - Our Blessed Lady to Saint Bridget

Coming Soon - Catholic Estate & Personal Planning Seminar

Looking for ways to prepare and manage your estate plans? On Wednesday, **Nov. 14**, Queen of Apostles will offer two informational seminars - at 10 am and at 7 pm, explaining the process of Catholic estate and personal planning. This seminar will last 90 minutes and will take place at Queen of Apostles. Representatives from the Diocese of Arlington will be joining us to discuss these important topics: Catholic teachings on end of life decisions (advance medical directives, proper planning, and funerals); the importance for individuals and couples to have a Will and other critical documents in place; vehicles and tools for charitable giving; and more. Please RSVP to the parish office at (703) 354-8711, or email stewardship@queenofapostles.org.



Vocations

"What do you want Me to do you for you?" Could your answer be the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, DCJM at general@queenofapostles.org, or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.



Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

There is an urgent need for new Adorers, from 1:00 am to 2:00 am Tuesday morning, and midnight to 1:00 am Wednesday morning each week. There is also need for an Adorer for a half hour, from 11:30 am to 12 noon on Friday. If you are interested in attending Adoration at

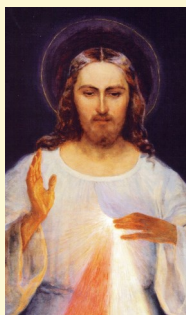
these hours, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096, or moleski47@gmail.com.

There is also an urgent need for Adorers on Tuesday night, from 11 pm to 12 am. If you are interested in attending Adoration at this hour, please contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711, or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org.

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Offertory Program Thank you to parish families who completed a commitment form during our annual offertory program. Envelopes will remain available in the back of the church if you did not yet have an opportunity to submit. We thank all parishioners for their generosity and charity to our parish life.

All Saints "Picking Party Oct. 28 Join us for an All Saints "Picking Party" after all Sunday Masses. Children and adults will be asked to "pick" a saint to pray to and learn about this coming year. There will be pie, cider and coffee for the adults, and games with prizes for the kids.



Divine Mercy

"My daughter, look into My Merciful Heart and reflect its compassion in your own heart and in your deeds, so that you, who proclaim My Mercy to the world, may yourself be aflame with it."

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1688)

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28B-34



PSSJ Christmas Fair Please Join the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph for their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, **Nov. 10**, 9 am-9 pm for delicious Argentinian empanadas (a classic favorite!), Salvadorean pupusas, Puerto Rican rice, and many other delightful treats. There will be a raffle of various gift baskets, beautiful Christmas decorations, and many other items to purchase just in time for Christmas. The Poor Sisters of St. Joseph are located at 4319 Sano Street in Alexandria and can be reached at (703) 354-0395.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Meet and Greet Join Saint John Paul the Great High School principal, Sister Mary Veronica Keller, for a Meet and Greet on Monday, **Oct. 29** from 7-9 pm in Hannan Hall. Dessert and coffee will be served. Sister will discuss current and future plans for the school and answer any admissions or other questions.

School Auction - Save the Date! Plans are underway for the school's annual auction, set for Saturday, **Dec. 1** at 6 pm in the school gym. We are currently accepting donations of gifts or experiences. Email auction@queenofapostlesschool.org if you would like to make a donation and a committee member can assist you. Gifts of all kinds are welcome and gratefully accepted! (Tangible items should be new or gently used.) Look for tickets to go on sale in November. Thank you for supporting our school community!

Saint Martin de Porres, pray for us.

Young Adults Do you have ideas for young adult activities? Do you want to continue growing in your faith with your peers? Are you looking for fellowship with other young Catholics? Please contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org or (703) 220-0562.

Prospective Teacher Information Sessions Come Join Us! Sessions for individuals interested in teaching in the Diocese of Arlington are being offered Wednesday, **Nov. 14** at 7 pm at St. Thomas More Cathedral School in Arlington, and Thursday, **Nov. 15** at 1 pm at All Saints School in Manassas. Please register in advance. Email janet.vetrano@arlingtondiocese.org with your name, email address, and the session you plan to attend.

Priesthood Sunday Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 28:

7:30 am (L) Jim and Anne Kemble
9:00 am +Joseph Covas
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Leoncio Alayon

Monday, October 29:

6:30 am (L) Katherine R. Ball
9:00 am +Viola Lang

Tuesday, October 30:

6:30 am (L) Lisa Weiner
9:00 am +John and Jean Kakareka

Wednesday, October 31:

6:30 am (L) Ria Zena
9:00 am +Peter B. Kim

All Saints - Thursday, November 1:

6:30 am +Daisy Salunga Trozado
9:00 am +Pizagno and Pisano Families
12:00 pm +José Antonio Rivas
7:00 pm Living and Deceased Parishioners

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

All Souls Day - Friday, November 2:

6:30 am All Souls Day Novena
9:00 am +Clarissa Trono De Guzman
7:00 pm Deceased Parishioners

Saint Martin de Porres - Saturday, November 3:

8:00 am All Souls Day Novena
5:00 pm (L) Philip Smith
7:00 pm +Felicita Méndez

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 4:

7:30 am +Raul Monillas
9:00 am All Souls Day Novena
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Kevin Bonko, Beverly Spagnoli, Leo Monterroso, Michelle Jacobeen, Daniel O'Donohue, Etelvina León-Duarte, 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 Trozado, 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