

# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4, 2020



## CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor  
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio  
Deacon Vincent Kapral

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 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-Saturday: 8:00 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



## QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

*FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY*

4409 Sano Street  
Alexandria, VA 22312  
[www.queenofapostlesschool.org](http://www.queenofapostlesschool.org)

### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

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

### STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal  
Maria Fox, Secretary  
Fr. Joseph Rampino,  
Chaplain  
Phone: (703) 354-0714



*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.*

*Est. 1966*

## PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear parishioners:

May the grace of God be with you all! I hope you are well and that you continue working for the construction of the kingdom of God. We have already started the month of October, a month dedicated to our Mother Mary, it is also a month dedicated to praying the rosary, so I invite you to pray the rosary with more strength this month. I know that many do already.

In this month dedicated to the Virgin Mary, I have decided to re-consecrate our parish to her maternal care; I know that it is already consecrated to her. However, on October 10th, we will do it publicly, with the procession of candles, walking through some streets of our neighborhood, and then at Holy Mass, we will recite the prayer that she asked for in Fatima. I invite everyone to participate in this beautiful procession.

I also want to announce that as of October 13th, we will start with the regular daily Mass schedule; we will have the two regular weekday Masses: 6:30 am, and 9:00 am. Please add it to your calendar. Also, those volunteers for the 6:30 am Mass, I ask you to contact the office so we are aware we can count on your help. Likewise, we will have the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass again starting on October 17th. Sunday Masses will continue with the same schedule we have right now until we move on to the next phase of the pandemic.

I also want to invite our altar servers to serve again; for now, we will only allow three at each Mass, preferably the oldest altar servers. I would like altar servers to start participating as of next Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. The diocese has already given us the green light to do so, and that truly fills me with joy. Many thanks to our children for their service.

Gradually, we will go back to our everyday life. I only ask you for patience and faith to move forward; Please, I encourage you to follow the recommendations that the diocese has given, and one of them is to use the mask. Some do not want to use them and enter the temple without doing so and are offended when asked to do so. We must protect each other; remember that obedience and faith go hand in hand. Faith manifests itself by obeying.

Finally, I heartily thank you for all of the financial help you contribute to keep our parish alive; we could not move forward without your financial contributions. Many have not stopped sending the weekly contributions; although we are experiencing a challenging time due to this situation, many cannot physically come and have to live the faith virtually. I encourage you to have faith and trust and slowly come back. God bless you for your support.

I hope you have a blessed weekend. Although I have not had the privilege of meeting many of you yet, I have you in my daily prayer. I know that I will soon.

God is great,

*Fr. Alex*

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you!*



## CARTA DEL PASTOR

Queridos parroquianos:

¡Que la gracia de Dios este con todos ustedes! Espero que se encuentren bien y que sigan trabajando por la construcción del reino de Dios. Hemos ya iniciado el mes de octubre, un mes dedicado a nuestra madre María, es también un mes dedicado a rezar el rosario, por ello les invito a que tratemos de rezar el rosario con más fuerza en este mes, aunque sé que muchos lo hacen.

En este mes dedicado a la virgen María, he decidido consagrar nuevamente nuestra parroquia a su maternal cuidado, sé que ya está consagrada a ella, pero deseo que el próximo 10 de octubre, lo hagamos de manera pública, con la procesión de las luz, caminando por algunas calles de nuestro vecindario y luego en la santa misa lo haremos recitando la oración que ella pidió en Fátima, les invito a todos a que participemos de esta bonita procesión.

También quiero anunciarles que a partir del 13 de octubre iniciaremos con los horarios regulares de misas diarias, tendremos las dos misas regulares, 6:30am y 9:00am, por favor pónganlo en sus calendarios, de igual forma aquellos voluntarios para la misa de las 6:30, les pido que se pongan en contacto con la oficina para saber que contamos con ellos. De igual manera, volveremos a tener la misa de las 5:00pm a partir del 17 de octubre. Las misas dominicales seguirán con el mismo horario que tenemos hasta que pasemos a la siguiente fase de la pandemia.

Quiero invitar a que regresen a participar activamente nuestros Altar servers, por ahora solo permitiremos tres en cada misa, de preferencia los más grandes; quiero que a partir de la próxima 10 de octubre comiencen a participar, la diócesis ya nos ha dado luz verde para hacerlo y eso verdaderamente nos llena de alegría. Mil gracias a nuestros niños por su servicio.

Poco a poco iremos volviendo a nuestra vida normal, solo les pido paciencia y fe para ir avanzando; por favor les animo a seguir las recomendaciones que la diócesis nos pide, y una de ellas es usar la mascarilla, algunos no quieren usarlas y entran al templo sin hacerlo y se ofenden si se les pide que lo hagan, debemos protegernos los mutuamente, recuerden que la obediencia y la fe van de la mano, la fe se manifiesta obedeciendo.

Finalmente agradezco de corazón toda la ayuda financiera que todos ustedes aportan para mantener viva nuestra parroquia, sin su aporte financiero no se podría seguir adelante, muchos no han dejado de enviar su aporte semanal a pesar que por esta situación que vivimos no pueden venir físicamente y viven su fe de manera virtual, les animo a que tengan fe y confianza y poco a poco regresen. Dios les bendiga por su apoyo.

Espero que tengan un bendecido fin de semana. Les tengo en mi oración diaria, aunque a muchos a un no he tenido el privilegio de conocerles pero sé que pronto lo hare.

En Jesús y María.

*P. Alex*



## Masses This Week

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 4:

8:00 am +Ruth McFadden  
 10:00 am Living & Deceased  
 12:00 pm +Kevin O'Brien  
 1:30 pm +Berta Espinoza de Castro

### Monday, October 5:

8:00 am +Dolores Perez

### Tuesday, October 6:

8:00 am +Carmen Solis

### Wednesday, October 7:

8:00 am +Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thach

### Thursday, October 8:

8:00 am (L) Logan Leite

### Friday, October 9:

8:00 am (L) Sarah Leite

### Saturday, October 10:

8:00 am (L) Dilhani Siriwardane  
 7:00 pm (L) Olga Alvarado Alvarez

*\*Please note that since we currently have a modified Mass schedule due to COVID, Mass intentions not listed will be said at private Masses said by our priests. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 ext. 10 with any questions\**

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation.



**Wednesday Adoration** Every Wednesday, from **8:45am-8pm**, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the main sanctuary. Please make an effort to spent time with our Lord in prayer! Confessions are available outside immediately following Exposition. Call the parish office at (703)-354-8711 ext. 10 if there is no one else in the church and you need to leave.

*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](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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**Thank you for your support!**

### Men's Silent Retreat

Register for the annual **Men's Silent Retreat weekend!** It includes daily Mass, conferences, time for private prayer, confession and spiritual direction.

### MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

#### THE WAY FORWARD: PERFECTION, COURAGE, & HOPE

OCTOBER 16 AT 6:30PM -  
OCTOBER 18 AT 12PM



Register at

[Arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen](http://Arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen)

San Damiano Spiritual Center, White Post, VA  
 \$325 before Sept. 10; \$360 afterwards

**Women's Group** The next Women's Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 14th**. We will meet in Hannan Hall at **9:30**. There is also a mass at 8:00 followed by adoration for those wishing to attend. At this time, activities are still in the planning stages. Depending on the weather, we hope to be outside. Hope to see you there!

*"How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."  
 -Mother Teresa of Calcutta*



# † RELIGIOUS EDUCATION †

## Thank you Catechists!

We are very blessed to have dedicated catechists, aides, and volunteers who assist parents in the important task of bringing children closer to Christ and His Church: **Magdalena, Lorynie, Lourdes, Natalie, Kene, Chris, Benedict, Gladys, Sister Eneyda, Vincent, Blanca, Maria, Jessica.**



## RCIA

*Were you baptized Catholic but missing Confirmation, Eucharist? Are you interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?*

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you should register for RCIA! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. RCIA is for 3 groups of adults:

- \* Those who are not baptized.
- \* Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- \* 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.



If you are missing Sacraments, not in a Church marriage, or thinking about becoming Catholic, please join our weekly English or Spanish adult faith formation classes. **RCIA in English** will be held on **Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm** with Fr. Rampino. **RCIA in Spanish** will be held on **Wednesday, 7-8:30pm** with Mr. Mercado. Both classes will be held in the parish office (4329 Sano Street). It's not too late to register!

Please stop by the parish office (4329 Sano Street) to register for the next school year (Sept 2020-June 2021) or email [s.gray@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org). Please provide your birth certificate, and, if applicable, your baptismal certificate dated in the last 6 months.

For couples married outside of the Church, our priests are willing to help you prepare for Holy Matrimony. Please contact the office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

## Religious Education Information

**Info:** We are happy to see our Religious Education families! Thank you to our families, students, catechists, aides, and volunteers for working together to comply with health and safety protocols. On **Sunday, Oct. 4**, 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.**

Parents of students using the on-line/at-home learning option (for students in grades 1-8, through [MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com](http://MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com) (MCFD) + a monthly Sunday morning class via video with the catechist and in-person class) have been sent MCFD log-in information. Each week, a message will be sent to the student's parent about the lesson the student is to complete.

**Safety:** Remember to perform a self-screening of symptoms before arriving on campus. On-site, temperatures will be checked and questions about coronavirus symptoms will be asked. Family members displaying any symptoms are not to attend RE class. To comply with safety protocols, class size is limited, 6' distance between families/students, masks/face shields are to be worn by everyone, hand sanitizer will be used upon entering the school building, students will report directly to class, only catechists, aides, and registration volunteers may enter the school, and disinfection will occur before and after classes. Students must bring his/her own pen/pencil, paper, folder, bottled water, hand sanitizer, etc. to class each week. Please, no sharing of supplies.

**Requirements:** Each RE school year builds on the next year of faith formation, therefore, students must attend **at least 2 consecutive years** of Religious Ed before a Sacrament is administered. A student is to show **evidence of desire** and preparation for a Sacrament and **not have more than 3 absences** during the school year. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/Holy Communion in grade 2 and up and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and up. Families with unbaptized children under 7 years old or homeschool families with children preparing for Sacraments this upcoming school year are asked to call the parish office at 703-354-8711 ext. 10



## 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](http://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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org)

## Gospel Commentary for 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Divine Hospitality

*Fr. Joseph Rampino*

Hospitality might rank as one of the oldest and most treasured virtues across all human civilization. Though we certainly don't value this virtue much in the present, highly individualistic age, this virtue, whereby even strangers were welcomed as though family, and family was welcomed as we might welcome the angels, suffused society with practical acts of gratitude and charity. Certainly in the ancient world, the world in the time of Christ, hospitality ranked as something truly sacred, commanded by God and carried out in a highly formalized way. So if we are shocked when we hear the actions of the tenants in the Gospel passage today, imagine how much more offended Christ's hearers would have been.

In this parable, the master has a group of tenants taking care of his vineyard. As the master and employer, he has already shown to these tenants a certain form of hospitality. He has allowed them to support themselves off of what is his, and in doing so, associated them with his own household, according to both Jewish and Roman custom. These long-term tenants would have been considered almost as the master's own sons. Thus when they deny hospitality to the master's servants, who only come seeking what is justly owed, the tenants have shown ingratitude, cruelty, and rebellion against their own father. When they go even further and kill the master's son, we ought to be truly horrified at their callous wickedness.

Of course, Christ is preaching this homily to the Pharisees, accusing them of living off of God's good gifts without any concern for gratitude or humility, and of denying basic human hospitality to the servants of their own Father, even to the point of killing the Father's true Son. He reminds the Pharisees how much God has done for them in allowing them to live off the produce of His vineyard, and shows them that they have repaid God's great love with betrayal, cruelty, and murder. As the Lord asks in the first reading today "what more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?"

The question for us today is how have we repaid God's great love for us? He has given us life as His own free gift. He gives us the sun, the moon, the stars, food and drink, a mind and a heart, gifts, talents, and relationships that we did not earn, and could never earn for ourselves. Even though we are made of flesh, and so should expect struggles and difficulties every day, God has freely given us a relationship with Him, whereby we can reach out of our human difficulties and step into heaven, not to mention all of the gifts of grace that follow, when we consider our life as members of the body of Christ. So do we return love for love? Do we show gratitude for God's hospitality? Do we welcome God's messengers into our own lives? Do we willingly care for what God has entrusted to us, out of gratitude to Him? We could never truly repay God for all His goodness to us, but we can give Him love in return for love, and in doing so, we receive still more: peace of soul and eternal life among the angels.



### *Procession and Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima*

A Rosary procession will be held at Queen of Apostles on **Sun., Oct. 10th, at 5:30 p.m.** in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, followed by Mass. It will be led by the parish priests, followed by bearers carrying a statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will pray the Rosary in different languages. The procession will begin at St. Gabriel's Convent. Please contact the Parish Office for further information

### **St. Ann's Homeschool Group**

New to homeschooling? Queen of Apostles' St. Ann's Homeschool Group is here for you! For more information about our group and events, please contact Genevieve Erkens at 703-719-7955. We look forward to hearing from you!



**Queen of Apostles Young Adults** Our mission is to inspire single and married young adults, ages 18-39, to answer the universal call to sainthood through fellowship and formation. On **Oct. 10 at 6:00 p.m.**, we'll be joining the Frascati Annandale YA group for a virtual viewing of "The Chosen". For more information contact John Cosgayon at or [jncos95@outlook.com](mailto:jncos95@outlook.com) or text QOFA to 84576



### **Please pray for the sick members of our parish**

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monteroso, 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 Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Kathy Ippolito, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Mr. Cervantes, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt