



*Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us.*

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

4401 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312
(703) 354-8711 www.queenofapostles.org

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

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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.

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 Congratulations to our new altar boys who have joined the ministry of serving our Lord in the Eucharist. A new schedule has been sent to families. Thank you for your commitment to serving the parish. There will be a Blessing of Altar Servers during the **Nov. 4** and **5** Masses.

Catholic College Fair Are you facing a college decision? Come to the Catholic College Fair at 7 pm on Wednesday, **Oct. 11** in the school gym at Holy Spirit School, 8800 Braddock Road in Annandale. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this fair brings together representatives from Catholic schools from across the country. Come learn about the wide variety of programs and majors available at these schools and their financial programs.

Thank You This Sunday's Second Collection will be for the School Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education Fr. Juan will lead a First Penance/First Holy Communion meeting on **Oct. 8** at 9 am with Religious Education parents of baptized children in grade 2 or above who have attended at least two consecutive years of Religious Education. The meeting will be held in the School's Multipurpose Room/Library.

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.

Nazareth - for Students in Grades 4-8 Students attending Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are invited to participate in this QofA youth ministry where students can grow in their faith and learn from our priests and sisters through discussion, prayer, and activities. This year's theme is Encounters with Christ. Meet Fr. Juan and high school/college leaders in Hannan Hall. Sign-in begins at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parents sign-out their child/ren at 5:30 pm. Nazareth meets on the first and third Fridays of the month: **Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 17, Dec. 1, 15**. Parent volunteers are needed to assist with activities and to provide snacks. Contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email s.gray@queenofapostles.org.

Emmaus - for High School/College Students 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 the Notre Dame Graduate School (4407 Sano Street) for fellowship, activities, and prayer. Questions? Send a message to youth@queenofapostles.org or call the parish office at (703) 354-8711. On the first Friday of the month, join Mr. Kasenge for Open Gym, 6-8 pm in the School Gym.

Thank You for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **ACCA** and the **Missionaries of Charity**. Next weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**.

Pastor's Letter

Gratitude

Next Sunday is our parish's annual Offertory Commitment weekend. During this week I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider your gift of treasure to continue the Lord's work in our parish. This year I would like to approach it from the perspective of gratitude. A famous American author once said: "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend."

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the parable of those tenants who violently took over the vineyard and appropriated its fruits. In telling this parable, Jesus censures the chief priests and the elders for pretending to be the owners rather than the stewards of God's covenant with the people. The wretched tenants of the vineyard made a sinister journey. Beginning with ingratitude, they coveted the vineyard's reap to finally commit murder. Their greed made them forget that neither the vineyard nor the harvest was theirs.

Are we grateful? Do we nurture a true gratitude to God for his gifts?

Our financial commitment has the ability to free us and unlock true joy. But to do so, it must spring from gratitude. Although the American dream of the self-made man is so strong in our culture, we should recognize that the most fundamental things in our lives are gifts which ultimately come from God. Gratitude is the distinctive virtue of the child: gratitude towards its parents. As children of God, our first attitude should be gratitude. Gratitude builds trust, and trust is the needed soil for love, joy and genuine personal relationships.

Gratitude leads to giving, and giving generously, without counting the cost. Gratitude should be the first "line" in our household budget. Then we will experience the joy of detachment and freedom from material things. The need to give comes before giving to a need as a grateful homage to God. Then we will determine the other needs in our budget, knowing that God will provide. As St. Paul reminds us: "Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work" (2 Cor 9:7-8).

This trust in God is at the foundation of the biblical and Christian practice of tithing. I know that this is challenging, but also liberating. For sure, that 10% can include all your charities: disaster relief from hurricanes and earthquakes, the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Catholic Charities or the Missionary Appeal... not forgetting your Parish and the Disciples.

Please, let gratitude inspire you so that your sacrificial commitment would bring you growth and joy. Indeed, "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life."



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 dates: **Oct. 13**, and **27**. For additional information, email Cara at cara.f.cook@gmail.com.

Jubilee of Our Lady of Fatima, Oct. 13, Rosary and Mass All are invited to celebrate the Jubilee of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, **Oct. 13**. At 6:30 pm, a Rosary will be prayed in five languages by Legion of Mary representatives and others. A Mass with music will begin at 7 pm followed by a light reception at 8 pm in Hannan Hall.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.
Saints Francisco and Jacinta, pray for us.

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8:

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 9:

Adoration Chapel and Parish Office Closed	
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 10:

Parish Office	10:00-11:30 am Bible Study
Parish Office	6:00-7:30 pm Bible Study
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Hannan Hall	7:30-8:30 pm Lectors' Meeting

Wednesday, October 11:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group
Notre Dame Graduate School	7:30-9:00 pm RCIA in Spanish

Thursday, October 12:

Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour
School	9:00-10:30 pm St. Joseph's Men Group

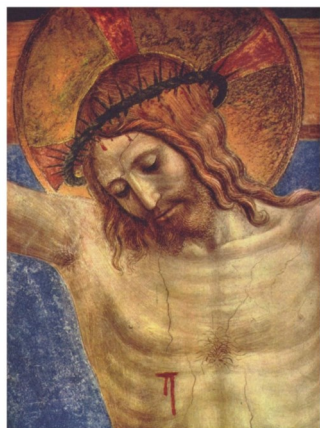
Friday, October 13:

Adoration Chapel	11:00 am-12 noon Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Church	6:30-7:00 pm International Rosary
Church	7:00-8:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Mass
Hannan Hall	8:00-9:00 pm Reception

Saturday, October 14:

Diocesan Pilgrimage	
Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Mtg.
Hannan Hall	1:30-5:30 pm Couples for Christ
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	5:30-8:30 pm St. Ann's Homeschool Group
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir

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

"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. Contact Fr. Juan at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. J.D. Jaffe at j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-2514.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Saints Jacinta and Francisco, pray for us.

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.

Bishop Burbidge will pray the Rosary at the abortion center on 2839 Duke St. at 7:30 am on Wednesday, **Oct. 18**.

Word from the Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council met on 9/27 to discuss the state of the Parish. The meeting began by contemplating Isaiah 55, particularly that "my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." We then discussed the most pressing needs of the Diocese and Universal Church, how to chart a course for parishioners on the peripheries to enter more deeply into the family life of the parish, and what a successful pastoral council year looks like. Some of the ministries we would like to start this year are welcoming and hospitality, communications, social outreach, and parish events.

Our Family Theme for 2017-2018, Towards a Missionary Family was the next topic discussed. Look for a continuation of the Rule of Life, First Friday and First Saturday Devotions, and a parish retreat to San Damiano Spiritual Life Center.

Next, the Council discussed our highly-successful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and our Ministry Fair. We concluded with a discussion of the Liturgies for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sunday) and Christmas (Monday).

Our parish is grown, and we need everyone to contribute the time, talents, and treasure to continue this growth. Please join a parish ministry that can use your talents. We are in the 40 Days for Life. Please continue to pray for the end of abortion. Visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>.

Thank you for being a part of our parish family.

Chip Souser
Chair, Pastoral Council

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week:

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10A Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14



Columbus Day The Parish Office and the Adoration Chapel will be closed this Monday, **Oct. 9** in observance of Columbus Day. There will be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am.



Diocesan Pilgrimage Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to this year's Diocese of Arlington Pilgrimage on Saturday, **Oct. 14**, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. For more information please visit the Diocese's website, arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage. Queen of Apostles is offering bus transportation to this pilgrimage for QofA parishioners. To reserve a bus seat, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 or email general@queenofapostles.org. There are limited spots still available.

25th International Week of Prayer and Fasting International Day of Prayer

On Monday, **Oct. 9**, for the final day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting, please join us at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 9 am–4:30 pm. Registration is free. For more information, and to register online, visit www.iwopf.org, or call (888) 478-PRAY (7729).

Women's Group The Queen of Apostles Women's Group will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, **Oct. 11** at 10:00 am in Hannan Hall. All parish women are cordially invited to enjoy the Faith and Fellowship, Service, and Joy, that are the basis of the Women's Group. At 10:30 am, we will be showing the documentary "Finding Fatima". All parishioners are invited.

Parish Office Furniture Needed The parish office is in need of conference table chairs. The current set is worn and several are beyond repair. If you know of a business office or furniture supplier that has excess or discounted inventory, please call the parish office at (703) 354-8711 ext. 11 or email d.cook@queenofapostles.org to confirm interest. (Please do not drop off items unannounced.)

ACCA Thank You to all parishioners who helped with the ACCA 50th Anniversary Celebration on **Oct. 3**.

The Annandale CROP Hunger Walk will be on Saturday, **Oct. 14** at Lake Accotink Park. Registration starts at 8 am near the marina and the walk begins at 8:30 am. Come and enjoy a walk around the lake and help raise money to fight hunger. ACCA receives a portion of the funds to support our local community.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Oct. 15** bulletin was Monday, **Oct. 2** by 9 am.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 8:

7:30 am (L) Joyce Du Kuette
9:00 am +Fallcomata Family
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon +Pilar Garcia

St. Denis and Companions - Monday, October 9:

9:00 am +Esther Stanley

Tuesday, October 10:

6:30 am +Theresa Subalusky
9:00 am +Theresa Subalusky

St. John XXIII - Wednesday, October 11:

6:30 am +Purine Mercado Floren
9:00 am +Pilar Garcia

Thursday, October 12:

6:30 am (L) Paul K. Yoo
9:00 am +Marcel Dupuy

Our Lady of Fatima - Friday, October 13:

6:30 am +Barbara Byun
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge
7:00 pm +Souls in Purgatory

St. Callistus I - Saturday, October 14:

8:00 am +Buenaventura S. Realica
5:00 pm +John Weston
7:00 pm +Marcel Dupuy

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 15:

7:30 am +Esther Stanley
9:00 am +Catherine O'Brien
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 noon (L) Brother Brian Vaccaro

Bishop O'Connell Open House Join us for our Open House next Sunday, **Oct. 15**, 1-4 pm, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. No RSVP necessary. Presentation begins at 1 pm in the auditorium. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org.



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 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