

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 16, 2018



# QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Whoever wishes to come after me  
must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.  
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life for my sake  
and that of the gospel will save it."*

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## 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

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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](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org).

*Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.*

### RCIA Classes in English and Spanish Begin this Week, Sep. 17 and Sep. 19

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.

Fr. Javier O'Connor leads RCIA classes in English on Mondays, beginning **Sep. 17**, and in Spanish on Wednesdays, beginning **Sep. 19**, 7:30-9:00 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](mailto:s.gray@queenofapostles.org) for more information. An inquiry form will be sent. You can also stop by the parish office 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.

### Nazareth Returns on September 17!

Girls and boys in grades 4-8 are invited to attend the first Nazareth meeting of the year on Monday, **Sep. 17** in Hannan Hall! Doors open at 3:45 pm with activities beginning at 4 pm. Parent sign-out is at 5:30 pm. Students from Queen of Apostles School, public school, and those who are homeschooled are welcome to join Nazareth to grow in the Catholic faith, learn about the sacramental life of the church, and make friends. Please note that Nazareth is scheduled to meet on the first and third Mondays of the month: **Sep. 17, Oct. 1, 15**, etc.

A meeting with parents of Nazareth members will be held on Monday, **Oct. 1** at 5:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Questions? Please email [s.calvino@queenofapostles.org](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org).

**Early Bulletin Deadline** The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sep. 23** bulletin was Monday, **Sep. 9**.

**Religious Education** Religious Education classes at Queen of Apostles are underway! Thank you to our parents for attending the **Sep. 9** parent meeting with the priests.

On Sundays, please arrive no later than 8:45 am. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Students arriving after 9 am will not be admitted so please plan ahead to arrive on-time. A parent is to sign-in and sign-out their student each week. Limited space remains in kindergarten and grades 1, 3 and 6. Registration closes **Sep. 16**.

Tuition, due at the time of registration, may be paid by check or cash: \$90 for 1 child; \$140 for 2 children; \$170 for 3 children from the same family.

Mark your calendars! 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 Saturday, **Dec. 1** retreat, 8:30 am-3:30 pm at QofA.

RE, Ghanaian Catholic Community, and homeschool students in grades 8 and high school (who are baptized and received Communion and have attended 2+ consecutive years of RE), and their parents/sponsors are to attend a meeting for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday, **Sep. 24** at 6:30 pm in Hannan Hall.

Families with unbaptized children who are under the age of 7 years old should contact the parish office to make arrangements for baptism as soon as possible. Unbaptized children over the age of 7 are to attend Religious Education classes.

Thank you to the **2018-19** catechists, aides, and volunteers for your generosity of time and your dedication to the faith formation of our youth! A Blessing of Catechists is scheduled for **Sep. 16** during the 10:30 am Mass. Catechists are invited to an evening of prayer scheduled for Wednesday, **Sep. 26**, 7-9 pm at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale.

The Second Collection this Sunday helps fund materials and activities for Religious Education students and RCIA. We thank you for your generosity!

**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](mailto:s.calvino@queenofapostles.org).

## Pastor's Letter

### Florence

If I ask you about Florence, not many will think about that most beautiful Italian city, home to Dante, Leonardo Da Vinci or Michelangelo. Most likely, you would think about the hurricane that is approaching the Carolina's coast threatening with a devastating blow. Even the powerful military forces stationed in the area are evacuating.

When I was writing this, Florence's landfall hadn't happened yet. As you read it, we all will be witnessing this sea beast's devastating effects.

In facing imminent danger, as many are now, we determine what is worth saving. Certainly our lives. No sensible person will remain where the hurricane will make landfall. And as we prepare for the blow, we wonder, what will withstand Florence? "The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house" (Mt 7:25-27). Will the house collapse or resist?

Another hurricane is hitting our society: the sexual misconduct crisis. The Catholic Church Hierarchy is regrettably but one spiral in this Category 5 hurricane. We know that there are other tentacles, some even farther reaching. In the face of this danger, where can we find solid ground?

This Sunday's Gospel is Peter's confession of faith. Mark does not give all the details about Peter becoming the Church's foundation. But Matthew does: "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:18).

Both evangelists, however, state the need of renouncement to follow Jesus: "He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mk 8:34-35).

Before a hurricane, we evacuate and leave behind our homes, cities and even military bases. We move to a safe area with the supplies to survive the blow.

Before the Church's crisis, and the crisis of our culture, we remember that discipleship is a narrow path. That Jesus is asking me to deny myself, take up the cross and follow him. Time to leave behind many superfluous things and focus on the essential. Time to make the decision to follow Jesus Christ, time to serve.



**Due to Hurricane Florence bearing down on the East Coast this weekend, the Ministries Fair has been postponed to next Sunday, September 23.**

We celebrate the vibrant and growing ministry life of Queen of Apostles.

There is a home for everyone in the family of families that is our parish community.

Take the first step: Unite with parishioners in prayer for the many intentions of our parish and world.



## This Week In Our Parish

### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 16:

School	9:00-10:15 am	Religious Education
School	9:00-10:00 am	RE Parent Meeting with Priests
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, September 17:

Hannan Hall	3:45-5:30 pm	Nazareth
Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary

### Tuesday, September 18:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Choir Practice
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### Wednesday, September 19:

Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm	Ghana Prayer Group
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### Thursday, September 20:

Hannan Hall	3:00-4:30 pm	Children's Choir Practice
Hannan Hall	5:00-9:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Night
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 Men's Group

### Friday, September 21:

Adoration Chapel	11:00-11:30 am	Children's Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:00-10:00 pm	Couples for Christ

### Saturday, September 22:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm	GCC Council Meeting
Hannan Hall	1:00-7:00 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary
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

### **Save the Date: Parish Marian Pilgrimage and Recollection**

Join us on Saturday, **Oct. 13** and experience spiritual enrichment through holy reflections, a day of inspiring recollection, the celebration of the Holy Mass, and a spirit of friendship with your parish family, to be led by Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM in the beautiful shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. More details coming soon! Please call the parish office by Friday, **Oct. 5** to sign up.

### **Reserve la Fecha: Peregrinación Parroquial y Retiro**

Todos estan invitados a asistir a una peregrinación, una oportunidad de enriquecerse espiritualmente a través de reflexiones. Será un día de retiro inspirador, con la celebración de la Santa Misa y podran profundizar en la amistad con su comunidad de la parroquia. Estará dirigido por el P. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, en el Santuario de St. Elisabeth Ann Seton en Emmitsburg, MD. Más detalles muy pronto! Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia antes del viernes, **5 de octubre** para inscribirse.

## Vocations



### **"Who do you say that I am?"**

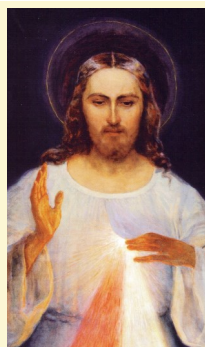
The One who calls is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. Are you called to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? Contact Fr. Leopoldo Vives, dcjm at [general@queenofapostles.org](mailto:general@queenofapostles.org) or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or [m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** For all those chosen to take up their cross in union with Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, so that others might have eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

**There's Still Time to Support the Race for Seminarians!** Pick your race and walk or run to support our future priests, or just choose one of our team members to sponsor. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/RUN](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/RUN) for additional information, or contact the Office of Vocations at [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-2514.

**Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women:** An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 13**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**Join the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life!** The U.S. bishops urge our participation each Friday through **Sep. 28** in a nationwide Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life. Participants receive weekly email or text reminders to pray and fast, along with little-known facts about Roe v. Wade to share with others. Sign up at [www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)



### **Divine Mercy**

*"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. If only they could understand that I am the best of Fathers to them and that it is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon souls, but they do not want to accept them. You, at least, come to Me as often as possible and take these graces they do not want to accept. In this way you will console My Heart. Oh, how indifferent are souls to so much goodness, to so many proofs of love! My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces."*

(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 367)

## Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

### Readings for Next Week

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8  
Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37



#### Urgent Need for Scheduled Adorers

There is an urgent need for a new Adorer, midnight to 1:00 am Wednesday morning each week. If you are interested in attending Adoration at this hour, please contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096, or [moleski47@gmail.com](mailto:moleski47@gmail.com).

**The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation** In this Bible study, you will learn about the major people, places, events and themes of the Bible and get the “big picture” of salvation history. This DVD presentation is part of the Great Adventure Bible study series led by Jeff Cavins. The study is offered on Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am, and from 5:45 to 7:15 pm in Hannan Hall. Classes will begin **Sep. 25** and conclude **Dec. 4**, with a break during the Thanksgiving week. This semester will cover the last 10 of the 24 sessions begun in the spring. Newcomers are welcome to join and will be able to access the previous sessions online. Cost, including 24-week workbook and timeline chart: is \$50. Register on the first day of class or with Elizabeth Said at [elizabethsaid2@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethsaid2@gmail.com). For more information, please email Elizabeth.

*St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.*



#### Music Ministry Welcome Meeting this Tuesday, September 18 at 7 pm

Please join the Music Ministry for an informative meeting and refreshments. Returning and new members should attend. Anyone who is interested in joining any of our ensembles or volunteering for the ministry is welcome (singers, instrumentalists, parents of children's choir members, administrative volunteers, sound/recording volunteers, etc). We will meet at 7 pm in Hannan Hall for information and social time. The adult choirs will have a short rehearsal following the meeting to prepare for the weekend Masses.

**Ministerio de Música - Reunión de Bienvenida** Todos estan invitados a una reunión informativa este martes, **18 de septiembre** a las 7 pm en Hannan Hall. Miembros nuevos y existentes deben asistir. Cualquiera que esté interesado en unirse a cualquiera de nuestros conjuntos o ser voluntario para el ministerio es bienvenido (cantantes, instrumentistas, padres de miembros del coro de niños, voluntarios administrativos, voluntarios de sonido/grabación, etc.). Los coros de adultos tendrán un breve ensayo después de la reunión para prepararse para las Misas del fin de semana.

**Thank You** for your generous contribution to the Poor Box. This weekend's collection will go toward **Christ House**. Next weekend's collection will go toward the **Poor Sisters of St. Joseph**.

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### Masses this Week

#### Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 16:

7:30 am +James Taylor  
9:00 am +Roy Kasenge  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm (L) Michael A. Caporiccio

#### St. Robert Bellarmine - Monday, September 17:

6:30 am +Jenifer Anne Santiago  
9:00 am +Bertha Barbi

#### St. Joseph of Cupertino - Tuesday, September 18:

6:30 am +Marcel Dupuy  
9:00 am +Milton F. Grant

#### St. Januarius - Wednesday, September 19:

6:30 am +Deacon Noel Vivaldi  
9:00 am +Mary Jean Quinn

#### Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions - Thursday, September 20:

6:30 am +Kathleen Mastro Giovanni  
9:00 am +Raphael Agtarep

#### St. Matthew - Friday, September 21:

6:30 am In Thanksgiving  
9:00 am +Julia Balanay Lapada

#### Saturday, September 22:

8:00 am +Rusty Adams  
5:00 pm (L) Moira and Michael Leite  
7:00 pm +José Mauricio Caballero Faldin

#### Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 23:

7:30 am (L) Ron and Pia San Luis  
9:00 am (L) Alaina and Warren San Luis  
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners  
12:00 pm (L) Findley Alexander Leite

*Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us.*



#### Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Pedro Baiza, Michelle Jacobeen, Beverley Spagnoli, Gabriel Carreon, Kevin Bonko, Daniel O'Donohue, Jean McDermott, Sesario Alvarez, 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, Etelvina León-Duarte, 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