

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Vouchsafe that I may praise thee, O sacred Virgin;
give me strength against thine enemies,
and against the enemy of the whole human race.
Give me strength to praise thee in prayer
with all my powers, through the merits
of thy most sacred nativity,
which for the entire Christian world was a birth of joy,
the hope and solace of its life.
When thou wast born, O most holy Virgin,
then was the world made light.
Pray for me, O Virgin most prudent,
that the gladsome joys of thy most helpful nativity
may put a cloak over all my sins.*

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CLERGY

Fr. Juan Espino, DCJM, Pastor
Fr. Javier O'Connor, DCJM, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Jaime de Cendra, 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 7:00 am through Saturday 7:45 am

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

4409 Sano Street,
Alexandria, VA 22312
Mrs. Anne Arias, 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. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street (next 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-mailing general@queenofapostles.org

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

Religious Education begins Sept.8! The first day of class is **Sept 8, 2019** with doors opening at **8 am**. Classes begin promptly at **9 am** and parents have a meeting with the priest at **9 am**. Letters confirming registration have been mailed home. Limited availability remain in grades kindergarten, grades 1, 4, and 6; all other grades are at capacity and no more registrations can be accepted. Tuition is \$90 for 1 child; \$140 for 2 children and \$170 for 3 children in the same family. The tuition payment, by cash or check, is expected at the time of registration. Religious Education classes meet on Sundays, 9-10:15am at QofA School (4409 Sano Street). New students need to provide birth and baptismal certificates to register. The last day to register is **Sept. 15** if space is available.



Thank you to our catechists, aides, and volunteers who are preparing lessons for the next school year. A Blessing of Catechists will be held on **Sept. 15** during the 10:30am Mass.

Please use caution in the parking lot and nearby roads to allow parishioners and families to walk safely to and from the church/school.

The Sept 8 Second Collection helps fund materials and activities for Religious Education students and RCIA. Thank you for your generosity.

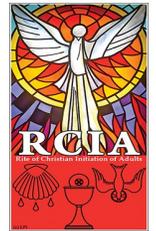
Calling all Ushers to become CPR & AED Trained

As you may have noticed, in our vestibule is a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) for use by trained personnel in the event of a cardiac arrest. The Parish has arranged classes for those who wish to be trained on the device. This one-time, four-hour course teaches the basic principles of CPR, and how to deploy and use an AED in an emergency situation. The next available class is **September 14** from **9 am – 1 pm** in the Parish Center 2nd Floor Hall. The cost is \$50. (Comparable to \$85 at a commercial facility.) Discounts are available for those who serve our weekend and weekday Masses. Please contact the parish office to register, or register online at www.queenofapostles.org/aedtraining Limited spots are available, so sign up now!



RCIA Classes in English and Spanish

begin Sept. 16 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 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 on Monday nights, **Sept 16, 2019 - June 8, 2020**. Fr. Jaime de Cendra will lead classes in English at the Parish Family Center (4329 Sano Street) while Fr. Javier O'Connor will lead classes in Spanish 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 emailing s.gray@queenofapostles.org. An inquiry form will be sent, or 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 as a family. Please contact the parish office and set an appointment to meet with a priest.

“Man's salvation and perfection consists of doing the will of God which he must have in view in all things, and at every moment of his life.” - St. Peter Claver

Third Saturday Pro-life Prayer Vigil

Join QofA's Pro-life group in praying outside the Alexandria Abortion Clinic (5999 Stevenson Ave #403, Alexandria, VA 22304) this **Saturday, September 14**. We will begin the morning by attending the 8:00 am Mass. Directly following the Mass, all will reconvene outside the abortion facility to pray. Invite a friend!



I Came to Bring Fire:

Meditations on the Gospel

By Fr. Armando Marsal, DCJM

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?

"Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.'

"Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

"In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:25-33)

Must We Renounce All Our Possessions?

Petition: Jesus, my God and my Lord, give me the grace to do whatever you ask of me and ask whatever you want of me.

Not everyone is called to a total *material* renouncement of his possessions; but everyone is called to a total *affective* renouncement of his possessions.

Whatever I have not disposed to give to God, and put into his hands, is something that is before God in my heart. If that is the case, I don't love God with the love of charity, meaning with all my heart, all my soul and all my strength. Charity is the goal of faith and hope which means dying to myself.

Now I could ask myself why I have such problems in my prayer life, and why the only thing that I can do is pray mechanical, repetitive prayers without giving myself to God. Without charity, nothing has any value in the spiritual life (cf. 1 Cor 13:1-3).

We cannot serve two gods. We will love one and hate the other (Mt 6:24).



Save the Date

Queen of Apostles' Annual MINISTRIES FAIR

Sunday, September 22, 2019
After all Masses

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

This Week In Our Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 8:

School	9:00-10:15 am Religious Education
School	9:00-10:00 am RE Parent Meeting with Priest
Hannan Hall	2:00-5:30 pm Ghana Group
Adoration Chapel	6:00-8:00pm Prayer Group

Monday, September 9:

Cupertino Room	6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary
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Tuesday, September 10:

Hannan Hall	3:00-5:00 pm Children's Choir Practice
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 11:

Hannan Hall	9:00-12:00pm Women's Group Meeting
Hannan Hall	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, September 12:

Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm Caminantes de Emaus
Parish Office	6:30-8:00 pm Legion of Mary
Church	7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 13:

Adoration Chapel	3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
Hannan Hall	6:30-9:00 pm Emaus Retreat

Saturday, September 14:

Hannan Hall	10:00 am-1:00 pm GCC Council Meeting
School	4:00-6:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group
Hannan Hall	5:00-11:00 pm Hogares de Santa Maria
School	7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Choir Practice
Notre Dame Graduate School	8:00-10:00 pm Emmaus
School Gym	8:30-11:30 pm Spanish Music Night

Teach English at Queen of Apostles Church!

Looking for ways to help the community? Give the gift of English! We can train you and materials are provided. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington - Hogar Immigrant Services is currently seeking volunteer ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) teachers, substitutes and assistants for the upcoming semester. We offer five levels of English instruction and classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 7pm-9pm, starting September 23rd for 12 weeks. No previous experience nor second language required! If interested, please email volunteer.hogar@ccda.net or call (571) 208-1572



"Peace begins with a smile." -St. Teresa of Calcutta

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. 5th, 2019**. 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



Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

EX 32:7-11, 13-14 PS 51: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 TM 1:12-17 LK 15: 1-32



Vocations

"Any of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please contact general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or

m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their crosses and follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a positive and personal experience offering married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. It is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **September 20-22, 2019** in Herndon, VA and **October 25-27, 2019** in Gaithersburg, MD. Early sign ups are recommended. For more information visit: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or (703)-646-1521.

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary this Year?

Were you married in 1969 or 1994? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on **Sunday, October 13th at 2:30 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Fill out a form at the parish office by Sept. 30th. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM



New Parish Office Hours The Parish Office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm with a half hour lunch break at 12:00 pm beginning **October 1, 2019**. Please note the later opening time to allow the priests and staff to prepare properly for each day.



Noche Católica de Música y Evangelio A Spanish night of Catholic Music and Gospel will be hosted by the Hogares de Santa Maria on **Saturday, September 14, at 8:30 pm** in the school gym. The event will feature the Agere Contra group and will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The cost is \$15 at the door and \$10 online (Price does not include food). Register at stabatmater.net and call (571) 499-0812 for more details.





PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

What is “Priesthood Sunday”?

Priesthood Sunday, **September 29, 2019**, is a special day set aside to honor our priests.

It is a day in which we express our thanks to our priests for all that they do to strengthen our spiritual life and for their leadership and devotion to our parish. The day gives each of us a chance to personally thank our priests through our prayers. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International.

How will Queen of Apostles celebrate Priesthood Sunday?

The parishioners of Queen of Apostles will present our priests, **Fr. Juan, Fr. Javier, Fr. Jaime, Fr. Ignacio**, and **Fr. Tony Appiah** with the gift of a spiritual bouquet. These bouquets, which will be presented on **September 29th**, will consist of our Masses, Rosaries, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Eucharistic Holy Hours and other prayers which we offer for their sanctification.

In the coming weeks on the table in the back of the church, you will have an opportunity to designate the prayers you wish to offer as a gift for our priests and bishops.

What is a Spiritual Bouquet?

A Spiritual Bouquet is a listing of a number of religious acts (**Masses, Divine Mercy Chaplets, Hours of Eucharistic Adorations, prayers**, etc.) offered for another's spiritual benefit. The gift is entirely spiritual.

*"Without the priest, the death and passion of our Lord would be of no use.
It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth."*

Cure of Ars

Visit the Adoration Chapel during our hours of need! Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, Monday 7 am through Saturday 8 am (midnight hours require a passcode for entry). Greatest hours of need include:



- **Friday, 4-5 am** *Critical need for a permanent Adorer
Contact Alexa Urban at (703) 241-1096 or moleski47@gmail.com for these hours of need
- **Mon 10pm-12midnight; Wed 10-11 pm**
Contact Nenita De Guzman at (703) 354-8711 Ext. 18 or n.deguzman@queenofapostles.org for these hours of need
- **Mon 1-3 pm; Tues 3-4 pm; Wed 1-4 pm; Thu 1-2 pm**
Contact Rosalie Mainey at (703) 256-5765 or rosalieam@msn.com for these hours of need

Notice regarding Sept. 14 Pilgrimage It has come to our attention that the Marian Rosary Congress and Pilgrimage that was scheduled for **September 14** is not a Diocesan Pilgrimage. Consequently, we will no longer be gathering at the Basilica on that day for our Parish Pilgrimage. We apologize for the inconvenience, but we will be posting updates soon for a rescheduled Pilgrimage.

Women's Group Please join us for our first Women's Group meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 10:00 A.M.** The speaker will be Father Juan, our new pastor. The meeting will take place in Hannan Hall. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

Adult Bible Study Begins in October! Morning and evening sessions will study Romans: The Gospel of Salvation. This 8-week study explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God. Stop by the parish office to register. \$20 for the workbook.

Nazareth We are looking for high school and adult volunteers for Monday afternoon Nazareth meetings. Contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org to help with supervision, running activities, and snack prep. Volunteer time can count as service hours.

Emmaus High school students are invited to join Emmaus this Saturday evening, **September 14**, from **8:00-10:00 pm** at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer. For more information, contact Sarah Calvino at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org or text QofA to 84576 to join our contact list and receive information about upcoming events.

Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **September 15** bulletin is Monday, **September 9**. Please email announcements to general@queenofapostles.org

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses this Week

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7:30 am +Benjamin Clark
9:00 am +Maria Hatin Hoi and Peter Nguyen
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Mrs. L Faria

St. Peter Claver - Monday, September 9:

6:30 am +William J. Benson
9:00 am +Paul X. Cook

St. Thomas of Villanova - Tuesday, September 10:

6:30 am +Barbara Fox
9:00 am +John Gramlich

St. Cyprian- Wednesday, September 11:

6:30 am +Roberto Rodriguez
9:00 am +Deceased Members of the Brown and Smith Families

Most Holy Name of the Virgin Mary - September 12:

6:30 am +Alex Ubas
9:00 am +Luis Martinez

St. John Chrysostom - Friday, September 13:

6:30 am (L) Shirley Bartholme
9:00 am +Elmer Ramiro

Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Saturday, September 14:

8:00 am +Jean Bernard and the Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm +Victor Pereira
7:00 pm +Paola Merino

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7:30 am +Constancia Monillas
9:00 am +Christina Lynem
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm (L) Robert and Kelsey Quinn

"Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved." -St. John Chrysostom



Please pray for the members of our parish who are ill

Claire Reilly, Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, George and Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Michelle Jacobeen, Pedro Baza, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Tesfa Haile, 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, Kathleen Donohoe, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, David Stemcosky, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Spracht, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Dorothy Norpel, Kathy Ippolito