

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 2018



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
because by your Cross
you have redeemed the world.*

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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

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 or 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.

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 for more information. An inquiry form will be sent. You can also stop by the parish office to complete the form.

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.

Emmaus Join Emmaus, a high school and young college ministry at Queen of Apostles, on Saturday evenings, 8:30-10 pm at Christendom Graduate School (CGS) located at 4407 Sano Street for fellowship, activities, faith discussions, and prayer.

Early Bulletin Deadline The deadline for submitting announcements for the **Sep. 16** and **Sep. 23** bulletins is Monday, **Sep. 9** by 9 am. Please email announcements to Mayra Saunders at m.saunders@queenofapostles.org.

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**.

Religious Education Sunday, **Sep. 9** is the first day of Religious Education classes at Queen of Apostles! Classes are held at the school (4409 Sano Street) with doors opening at 8 am. Please check-in no later than 8:30 am. Classes begin promptly at 9 am. Also on **Sep. 9**, parents of all students have a meeting with Fr. Leopoldo and Fr. Javier at 9 am. Fr. Leopoldo will meet with English speaking parents in the gym while Fr. Javier will meet with Spanish speaking parents in the cafeteria/All Saints Hall.

Please park close to the School to allow Mass attendees to safely enter and exit the parking lot and do not park in the fire lane/Hannan Hall kitchen.

Limited space remains in kindergarten and grades 1, 3 and 6. Registration is closed for grades 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and high school.

Tuition, due at the time of registration, may be paid by check or cash. Tuition after Aug. 1: \$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 their parents/sponsors are to attend a meeting about 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 helps fund materials and activities for Religious Education students and RCIA. Thank you for your generosity.

Pastor's Letter

Effeta: Be Opened

At the beginning of a new parish and school year we have the Ministries Fair. An event to make known our many ministries and to invite parishioners to consider prayerfully the gifts the Lord has given them. To join one of QofA's ministries is a good opportunity to put those gifts into action.

This Fair reminds us of stewardship as a concrete way to put God first. We give the first to God, and then we structure our plans and projects around Him. If we don't, our hearts can harden and grow deaf making us indifferent to God's word.

This brings us to Jesus' miracle in today. Jesus heals a deaf and mute man. In doing so, Jesus not only opens his senses *effeta* –be opened– but also he opens for him a new way of relationships with creation and others. Now he can hear his relatives' caring voices and pronounce clearly the words "thank you".

In Baptism, after Jesus, the priest or deacon has the option to imitate this action. Touching the newly baptized's mouth and ears he says: "may the Lord Jesus open your mouth to praise him and your ears to heed his word". What can we learn from this rite?

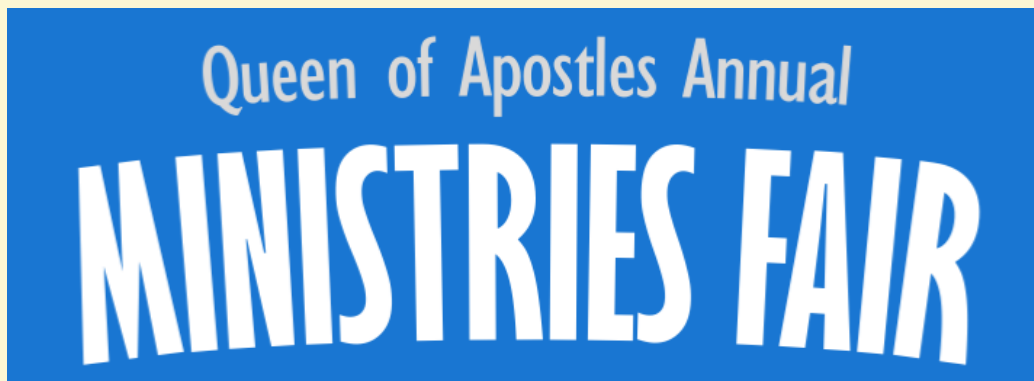
Baptism opens for us a new beginning; we become children of God and members of a new family: the Church. Baptism introduces us into a new fabric of relationships: with God, with the others, with the whole creation.

To fully operate in this new network is not granted. If we are not careful, we can grow indifferent to God's words and be deaf. We no longer hear God the Father's words "my child" and we forget who we are. I cannot speak for myself and my identity becomes a problem. I will mumble hollow sounds but not articulated words.

Thus we become prisoners of our own hardness of heart, selfish and individualistic. We need Jesus to open again our eyes and ears to be capable to fully communicate with him and with others, making us alive again.

This is what happens in the Liturgy: we hear one shared word; we praise God together with one voice; and we are called to be of one mind and one heart (Act 4:12). Is this what we voice and hear at Mass? Are we intentionally caring for our relationship with God and within the parish family?

The Ministries Fair offers us a great opportunity to meet others, to socialize, and to keep our ears hearing and our mouths talking to others, through what we say and what we do. Queen of Apostles belongs to each of us; it is our endeavor. We all are together in this voyage. We all are a team and we need to have strong connections. And we also need prayer, our deep communion with God. Jesus, make my mouth and ears opened.



Save the Date Next Sunday: September 16

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 9:

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 10:

Cupertino Room 6:30-9:00 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

Tuesday, September 11:

Hannan Hall 6:00-10:00 pm Choir Practice

Wednesday, September 12:

Hannan Hall 10:00 am-12:30 pm Women's Group
Hannan Hall 7:00-9:00 pm Ghana Prayer Group

Thursday, September 13:

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
Church 7:30-8:30 pm Holy Hour

Friday, September 14:

Adoration Chapel 11:00-11:30 am Children's
Adoration Hour
Adoration Chapel 3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, September 15:

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

Celebrating A Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1968 or 1993? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2018 Marriage Jubilee Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, **Oct. 14** at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. Contact the parish office to register no later than **Sep. 14**. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

*"The name of Mary is the key
of the gates of Heaven." - St. Ephrem*

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 students is on Monday, **Oct. 1** at 5:30 pm in Hannan Hall. Questions? Please email Sarah at s.calvino@queenofapostles.org.

Vocations



"Be strong, do not fear!" With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Leopoldo at general@queenofapostles.org or Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514, or m.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time For a deeper participation of families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

A Fun Way to Support Our Seminarians! There are many ways to support the future priests of our diocese in the Race for Seminarians campaign. Runners and walkers of all levels can get sponsored for their races; cheer squads can encourage them as they log the miles, donors can pledge to support specific runners, and prayer warriors can back up their efforts. Don't miss the Team Rally and Picnic on Tuesday, **Sep. 11**, from 5:30-7:30 pm at Lacey Woods Park in Arlington. Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run for more info.



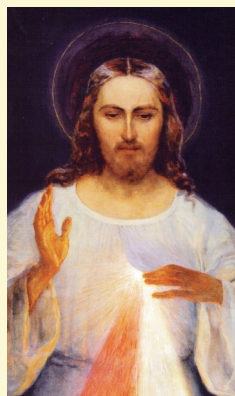
Pro-Life Rosary Please join us every third Saturday after the 8 am Mass to pray the Rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 101 S. Whiting Street. We pray for all unborn children in danger of being aborted and for parents contemplating abortion, that they may say yes to the gift and sanctity of life.

Join the Novena for the Legal Protection of Human Life!

Each Friday, **Aug. 3-Sep. 28**, answer the U.S. bishops' call to education, fasting, and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/

Say No to Physician-Assisted Suicide Suicide rates in the U.S. are at a 30-year high. Virginia legislators have asked for a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in the Commonwealth. A public comment period is currently open and your legislators need to hear from you! Visit <https://bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide> to make your voice heard.

Divine Mercy



*"If souls would put themselves completely in My care, I Myself would undertake the task of sanctifying them, and I would lavish even greater graces on them. There are souls who thwart My efforts, but I have not given up on them; as often as they turn to Me, I hurry to their aid, shielding them with My mercy, and I give them the first place in My compassionate Heart."
(Jesus to St. Faustina, Diary, 1682)*

Nourishing Our Souls With Holy Scripture

Readings for Next Week

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9A

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



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. An Adorer is also urgently needed on Monday 3-4 pm each week. Please email Rosalie Mainey at rosalieam@msn.com if you can support this hour.

Women's Group The Women's Group will be holding their monthly meeting on **Sep. 12** at 10 am in Hannan Hall. This is our first meeting for year **2018-2019**. All are welcome to join us, and share ideas for our activities. Let's plan a successful and fun year together!

"If the lips of Mary were silent, her heart was not so; for she did not cease offering to divine justice the life of her Son for our salvation." - St. Alphonsus Liguori

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. For more information, please email Elizabeth.

*"In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear."
St. Therese of Lisieux*

Give a Child the Gift of a Catholic Education and Receive Most of Your Donation Back in Federal and State Tax Savings! The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% tax credit (on top of a regular charitable deductions) for donations made to the Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit! Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Call Jeanne Combos at (703) 841-2764 or go online to download the preauthorization request form at: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Scholarship-Foundation/>.

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Masses this Week

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 9:

7:30 am +Bertha Barbi
9:00 am (L) Madeline R. Caporiccio
10:30 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
12:00 pm +Lucia and José Antonio Venero

Monday, September 10:

6:30 am +Antonio Sian
9:00 am +Filipinas and Eladio Villaflor

Tuesday, September 11:

6:30 am +Mary Ambridge
9:00 am +Daniel Asadu

The Most Holy Name of Mary

Wednesday, September 12:

6:30 am +Georgeanna Yahner
9:00 am (L) Rebecca G. Yoo

Saint John Chrysostom - Thursday, September 13:

6:30 am +Constancia Monillas
9:00 am +Paul T. Michael

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Friday, September 14:

6:30 am +Lourdes Sian
9:00 am +Grace Okemo

Our Lady of Sorrows - Saturday, September 15:

8:00 am +Joseph Covas
5:00 pm +Victor Pereira
7:00 pm Special Intention

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

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, BettyJo Lash, 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, Peter Lor, 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