

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Ascension of the Lord - May 16, 2021



CLERGY

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 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-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 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

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH, EXCELLENCE, JOY

4409 Sano Street
Alexandria, VA 22312
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.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and we are offered a word of salvation like never before. The Lord Jesus has not only risen, conquering death and sin, but also has been brought to the glory of God! But before making that return to the Father, He has sent His disciples to evangelize all men to believe in Him, in order to get to where he is. "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved" (Mk 16: 15-16).

This salvation that is given to us consists, in living the very life of God, as the Gospel according to John tells us, "Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ." (Jn 17: 3). But what is given out of love has to be accepted with love in order to be received as a gift. Jesus Christ, whom we have not seen, wants us to offer Him our love through our faith, which we receive by listening to the words of His ministers, whom we can see and touch. Let us feel loved and sent by the Lord and commit ourselves to be true proclaimers of the Gospel.

Speaking of the parish, I inform you that the new website will coming out next week. We have tried to make it more dynamic and more accessible, so that everyone can have access to parish information in a faster and easier way. I hope you all like it.

I want to congratulate in a special way to all our children from the Religious Education program and the school who made their First Communion last week and also those who will make it next week; for me it is a special celebration because children are the future of the church and they have met Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. I congratulate and thank our teacher Katherine Nguyen and all the catechists who have endeavored to educate them in the faith and show them the way to heaven; in the same way, I invite all parents to continue educating them in the faith.

I was very happy to see new faces last Sunday. Attendance at Sunday Masses has increased, this means that soon we will need more volunteers to assist them. I invite everyone to commit themselves to the evangelization of our parish: we need more ushers, lectors and extraordinary ministers. These ministries are vital for the church because they help us grow in faith and become closer to the church. I invite you to reflect on taking part in any of these ministries, it is always an honor to serve the Lord in these ministries.

Finally, I want to announce that on the weekend of the 29th and 30th of this month, our parish staff will be in the vestibule helping those who want to sign-up to make their donations through "Faith Direct", give information about the "Capital Campaign", and to answer any questions regarding your donations. We look forward to helping you further and answering questions regarding the financial side of the parish.

I have you all in my prayers

Fr. Alex

KOVAR Collections (aka the Tootsie Roll Campaign)

After all Masses this weekend, the Knights of Columbus Pope John Paul II Council #4522 will be collecting your generous donations towards support of KOVAR.

KOVAR is a charitable 501(c)(3) corporation established by the Virginia Knights of Columbus in 1971, dedicated to serving Virginians with intellectual disabilities. People with "Intellectual Disabilities" are those who have an IQ below 70, significant limitations in two or more areas of adaptive behavior, and evidence that the limitations became apparent before the age of 18.

KOVAR (the Virginia Knights of Columbus) collects and distributes funds in the form of grants and loans to tax-exempt organizations that serve people with intellectual disabilities in Virginia. Grant funds are used to purchase scholarships for Special Olympians, furniture for and/or to renovate group homes, wheelchair accessible vans, and/or to provide job training opportunities—among many other efforts.

The Knights of Pope John Paul II Council #4522 pray for and thank you in advance for your generosity.



Religious Education Information

The First Holy Communion Masses for Religious Education students is **May 22, 2021 at 10am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish**. Students are to meet in Hannan Hall 45 minutes before the Mass, dressed and ready. The rehearsal for the Mass in English is scheduled for **Mon, May 17 at 6:30pm** in the church. The rehearsal for the Mass in Spanish is scheduled for **Tues, May 18 at 6:30pm** in the church. The student and a parent are to attend the rehearsal. Students are to go to Confession before the date of Holy Communion.

The last day of RE is Sunday, May 30. Baptism and Confirmation certificates will be distributed during class time.

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year is open! Current RE families may register on Sunday mornings during RE classes, or, families may stop by the parish office (4329 Sano St), M-F, 9:30am-5pm. The Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles is available to parish youth in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. In-person classes will be held on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:45am beginning on **Sept 12, 2021**. Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for Religious Education enrollment. Class size is limited as we balance safety protocols with student learning and faith formation. *Non-parishioners will be placed on a wait list until August 1, 2021.* The registration form and tuition are to be submitted together. Birth and baptismal certificates for new students are to be provided at the time of registration. Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least two consecutive years of Religious Education before a grade/age-appropriate Sacrament is administered, have no more than three absences during the school year, and score at least 70% on tests. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/ First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are to contact the parish office, 703-354-8711 or general@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for considering our program. In concert with parents, Religious Education is an opportunity for your child to live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture, and preparing for and living the Sacraments.

Are you Catholic

Adult but not Confirmed? Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete his/her initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. If interested in attending RCIA for the next school year, **Sept 2021-June 2022**, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org, or talk with a priest.

Sts. Charles Borromeo and Robert Bellarmine, pray for us.

Altar Servers

If your son (grade 4 and above) is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays at 8am, 10am, 12noon in English, Mass in Spanish at 7pm on Saturdays or 1:30pm on Sundays, and other Masses, please send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Generally, boys serve every other weekend. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest. Thank you for participating in this ministry.

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer?

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. John 15: 16

Thank you to our 20+ volunteers for serving the 20-21 RE school year! For the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year, we seek practicing Catholics who love the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. As sowers of the Gospel, catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), substitutes, and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes for the **Sept 12, 2021-May 29, 2022** program. Younger, older, single, married, male and female are welcome to apply to serve this ministry. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus, be His witness and example, and serve as a disciple by helping teach and pass along the faith. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan and parish workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested and to learn about this ministry, please contact Susan Gray.



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. 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

† PARISH LIFE †

Masses This Week

The Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 16:

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 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Roy Kasenge
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6:30 am +Br. Emery Mollenhauer
 9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

St. John I - Tuesday, May 18:

6:30 am (L) Fr. Alexander Diaz
 9:00 am +John Battaglia

Wednesday, May 19:

6:30 am +Francisco Marin Mantigosa
 9:00 am +Arturo Tanod

St. Bernardine - Thursday, May 20:

6:30 am (L) Thomas O'Meara
 9:00 am (L) Joseph and Niki Moran

St. Christopher Magallanes - Friday, May 21:

6:30 am +Socorro Carbonell
 9:00 am +Carl Novak

Saturday, May 22:

8:00 am +Lourdes Sian
 5:00 pm +John Battaglia
 7:00 pm +Leonor Llanos de Lopez

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 and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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Weekly Emails Want to receive Parish updates and announcements directly to your email inbox? Sign up for our weekly emails sent every Friday by contacting the Parish Office or visiting our website queenofapostles.org today!

Baptisms Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30 am: *First Saturday in English*, and the *Third Saturday in Spanish*. The classes are held on the *Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in English* and the *First Wednesday at 7:30 pm in Spanish*. On **Wednesday, June 2** we will have the English class in Hannan Hall. The next Baptism will be on **Saturday, June 19**. Please turn in all the necessary documents by Monday, June 14.

Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary:* It is through Mary that we are able to eat the Bread of Heaven every day. Through her intercession, God inspires us to receive this Bread and confers on us the grace to receive it worthily. - St. Peter Damian



Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center

Work on Roof Please be mindful of moving materials in the parking lot over the next couple of weeks as our Church roof is being replaced. There will also be much more noise and dust during the next couple of weeks, so we thank you for your caution and patience. We are excited to keep you updated on this highly anticipated capital project.

Memorial Day The Parish Office and Gift Shop will be closed on **Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day. There will also be only one Mass celebrated at 9 am. Enjoy the time with family!



Gospel Commentary for May 16, 2021: The Ascension of the Lord

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

As the Easter season begins to draw to a close, the Risen Christ ends His time appearing among His Apostles and disciples, and returns to His Father in a final moment of glory. This feast, in presenting to us Christ's return, body and soul, into heaven, can seem like a strange one to us, or at least a moment the practical effects of which are not immediately clear. Christ rises to heaven on the clouds. Now what? What does that mean for me? How does that change the way I go to work or interact with my family? The Ascension can seem, for lack of a better word, like a mythical event attached to the end of the Lord's life, like an appropriately supernatural end to a supernatural life.

Yet the Ascension does in fact mean something of the greatest importance for us, here and now, because by Baptism, we are joined to Christ as members of His body, and branches in the vine. If Christ is our head, and we are His members, then when He ascends into heaven to sit now in the glory of God the Father, and rest from all His labors, we ascend with Him! The head of the body in which we are members is already in heaven, which means that we have also begun to live there already! Though we, as the members of the body may still leave here on earth, below the clouds, contending with the foul weather and shadows of this world, the head of the body has emerged into the unobscured sunlight above, and takes in the warmth of heaven's unending day.

This means, that the same joys of heaven are also accessible to us here on earth, so long as we remain close to Christ. We live as citizens of heaven, not just at some hoped-for point in the future, but also now, by participation in Jesus. This means that we do not have to live our earthly lives entirely focused on the tasks or crises directly in front of us, but with our hearts already in glory and at peace. Our lives on earth are only the prelude to the eternal life already begun in us through Baptism and the other Sacraments. This truth can bring peace, courage, patience, and forbearance into our jobs, our homes, our families, and our interior lives, no matter what else is going on, and it is worth going through anything, no matter how demanding, to receive the Sacraments well and share that celestial security.

For this reason, we should not be surprised to find that Jesus takes this moment, as He inaugurates the heavenly life for all of those joined to Him, to give the command: "go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is this Sacrament of Baptism that gives us access to the glory the Risen Christ now experiences not just in His divinity, but in His human nature as well. He wishes to bring every single soul that has ever lived into this glorious peace along with Him, and so He wishes to Baptize every person on the face of the Earth, joining them to Himself. While the decision is left up to each individual whether to accept this invitation or not, the Lord's invitation, expressed in His last joyful command, urges us to at least do what we can to make sure that each soul has at least received that invitation, beginning with our own. Opening our hearts to the life of heaven that Christ offers us, by drawing near to the Sacraments of His Body the Church, not only does honor to God's will for our lives, but gives joy to the King of Heaven, who only wishes to give us His glorious inheritance as our own.



Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who registered in the year 2020 at Queen of Apostles who have not yet pledged will be receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



Please Pray for All of The Sick Members of Our Parish:

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, 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 Trozardo, 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, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos hermanos y hermanas

Este domingo celebramos la solemnidad de la Asunción del Señor, se nos ofrece una palabra de salvación como nunca la hayamos podido imaginar. El Señor Jesús no solamente ha resucitado, venciendo a la muerte y al pecado, sino que, además, ¡ha sido llevado a la gloria de Dios! Pero antes de hacer ese retorno al Padre, ha enviado a sus discípulos, a evangelizar a todos los hombres a creer en Él, para poder llegar allá donde Él está. «Id por todo el mundo y proclamad la Buena Nueva a toda la creación. El que crea y sea bautizado, se salvará» (Mc 16,15-16).

Esta salvación que se nos da consiste, finalmente, en vivir la vida misma de Dios, como nos dice el Evangelio según san Juan: «Ésta es la vida eterna: que te conozcan a ti, el único Dios verdadero, y al que tú has enviado, Jesucristo» (Jn. 17,3). Pero aquello que se da por amor ha de ser aceptado en el amor para poder ser recibido como don. Jesucristo, pues, a quien no hemos visto, quiere que le ofrezcamos nuestro amor a través de nuestra fe, que recibimos escuchando la palabra de sus ministros, a quienes sí podemos ver y sentir. Sintamos amados y enviados por el Señor y comprometámonos a ser verdaderos proclamadores del Evangelio.

Hablando del ámbito parroquial, les informo que la nueva página web saldrá la próxima semana, hemos tratado de hacerla más dinámica y más accesible para que todos puedan tener acceso a información parroquial de manera más rápida y más fácil, espero les guste a todos.

Quiero felicitar de manera especial a todos nuestros niños de la catequesis y de la escuela que han hecho su primera comunión la semana pasada y también los que la harán la próxima semana; para mí es una fiesta especial porque los niños son el futuro de la iglesia y se han encontrado por primera vez con Jesús en la eucaristía. Felicito y agradezco a la profesora Katherine Nguyen y todos los catequistas que se han esforzado por educarlos en la fe y mostrarles el camino hacia el cielo; de igual manera invito a todos los padres a que continúen con educándolos en la fe.

Me ha dado mucha alegría ver caras nuevas el pasado domingo, se ha incrementado la asistencia a las misas dominicales, esto significa que pronto vamos a necesitar más voluntarios para atenderles; invito a todos a que se comprometan en la evangelización de nuestra parroquia, necesitamos más ujieres, lectores y ministros extraordinarios; los ministerios son vitales en la vida de la iglesia porque nos ayudan a crecer en la fe y a unirnos más a la iglesia. Invito a que reflexionen en formar parte en cualquiera de estos ministerios, siempre es un honor servir al Señor en estos ministerios.

Finalmente, quiero anunciarles que el fin de semana del 29 y 30 de este mes, personal del Staff de nuestra parroquia estarán en el vestíbulo ayudando a aquellos que quieran registrarse para hacer sus donaciones a través de "Faith direct", o dar información sobre la "Campaña Capital" y para contestar preguntas con respecto a sus donaciones. Esperamos poder ayudarles más y resolver algunas preguntas con respecto a la parte financiera de la parroquia.

Les tengo en mis oraciones

P. Alex

Colecciones KOVAR (Campaña Tootsie Roll)

Después de todas las misas de este fin de semana, el Consejo de Caballeros de Colón, Juan Pablo II, #4522 recogerá sus generosas donaciones para apoyar a KOVAR.

KOVAR es una corporación caritativa 501(c)(3) establecida por los Caballeros de Colón de Virginia en 1971, dedicada a servir a los virginianos con discapacidad intelectual. Las personas con "Discapacidad intelectual" son aquellas que tienen un coeficiente intelectual inferior a 70, limitaciones significativas en dos o más áreas de comportamiento adaptativo, y evidencia de que las limitaciones se hicieron evidentes antes de los 18 años.

KOVAR (los Caballeros de Colón de Virginia) recauda y distribuye fondos en forma de subvenciones y préstamos a organizaciones exentas de impuestos que sirven a personas con discapacidad intelectual en Virginia. Los fondos de subvenciones se utilizan para comprar becas para olímpicos especiales, muebles para y/o para renovar casas de grupo, camionetas accesibles para sillas de ruedas y/o para proporcionar oportunidades de capacitación laboral, entre muchos otros esfuerzos.

Los Caballeros del Consejo Juan Pablo II #4522 orar y agradecerles de antemano por su generosidad.

Misas de Esta Semana

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9:00 am Mother's Day Novena

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9:00 am +John Battaglia

Miércoles 19 de mayo:

6:30 am +Francisco Marin Mantigosa
9:00 am +Arturo Tanod

Jueves 20 de mayo:

6:30 am (L) Thomas O'Meara
9:00 am (L) Joseph and Niki Moran

Viernes 21 de mayo:

6:30 am +Socorro Carbonell
9:00 am +Carl Novak

Sabado 22 de mayo:

8:00 am +Lourdes Sian
5:00 pm +John Battaglia
7:00 pm +Leonor Llanos de Lopez

¿Te has suscrito a la donación electrónica de la Parroquia a través de Faith Direct? Para unirse a Faith Direct, comience simplemente enfocando la cámara de su teléfono en este código QR!



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¡Gracias por su apoyo!



Flores del Altar

Las flores que decoran nuestro altar esta semana son dedicadas para todas las almas

Día de los Caídos La Oficina Parroquial y la Tienda de Regalos permanecerán cerradas el lunes 31 de mayo con el día de los caídos. También habrá una sola misa celebrada a las 9 de la mañana.



Trabajo en el Techo Tenga en cuenta los materiales móviles en el estacionamiento durante las próximas semanas, ya que nuestro techo de la Iglesia está siendo reemplazado. También habrá mucho más ruido y polvo durante la semana, por lo que le agradecemos por su precaución y paciencia. Estamos encantados de mantenerlo actualizado sobre este proyecto del Capital Campaign.

Bautizos Los bautismos en español se celebran el **primer sábado del mes** a las 10:30 am. La próxima fecha es el **5 de junio**. Por favor entregue toda la documentación necesaria antes del lunes, 31 de mayo.

Correos Electrónicos Semanales

¿Quiere recibir actualizaciones y anuncios de la Parroquia directamente a su correo electrónico? Regístrese para recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales, enviados todos los viernes. Contacte la Oficina Parroquial para mas información.



CENACULO DE ORACIÓN MDJ

"Tén Fe" en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.

HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados
5:00pm**

**4401 SANO ST. ALEXANDRIA VA 22312
EN EL HANNAN HALL DE LA PARROQUIA
REINA DE LOS APÓSTOLES**

**INTERESADOS CONTACTAR CON
LOS HERMANOS:**

**ALEX ORELLANA (571) 309 8207
VÍCTOR POSADA (703) 585 3876**

Te invitamos:



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