

# QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles*

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**Weekend Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español); Sunday 9:15am & 11:15am

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**  
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm  
Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm  
Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm



# Fishers of Men

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 25, 2026

# MISSION STATEMENT

With the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first disciple of Jesus Christ, as our example and patron, the mission of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church is to live and proclaim the Gospel entrusted to us.

We strive in our rich diversity to be a community of welcome and hospitality: one with the Risen Christ, each other, and the whole Church. Through the Word of God and the life of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are empowered to engage in a variety of ministries of service to the parish family and the communities where we live.

## ***Liturgies This Week:***

### **Saturday, January 24, 2026**

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Matthew Ricotta +  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

9:15am William Ferrante +  
11:15am For the People

### **Monday, January 26, 2026**

9:00am James Giermansky +  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Creole

### **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

5:30pm Benjamin Max Jones +

### **Thursday, January 29, 2026**

9:00am Tom Heath +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, January 30, 2026**

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Rebecca Almy Graves +

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## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, January 31 2026-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Valentina Gomez, Caroline Thompson, Francesca Jimenez

**EMCs:** Rich Pasqualone, Lisa Owens

**Readers:** Kimber Zappia, Jeanmarie Panzica

**Hospitality:** Larry Capps, Gerald Liska, Todd Morgan

### **Saturday, January 31, 2026—7:00pm**

**Eucaristia:** Isabel Rodriguez, Patricia Hernandez

**Lectores:** Mariano Campomanes, Angela Mendoza

### **Sunday, February 1, 2026—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Sanchez, Lucy Wruble, Adele St. Romain, Hannah Calligan

**EMCs:** Betsy SanMillan, Connie Carnes, Renee Hinson-*Gathering Space*, Tom Calabro-*Gathering Space*

**Readers:** Cam Tracy, Dan Rohan

**Hospitality:** Claudia Kornblum, Bill Patz, Suzanne Patz

### **Sunday, February 1, 2026—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Gabrielle Miller, Giovanni Rovati, Jack Koury, Brooke Murphy

**EMCs:** Debbie Seeger, Roger Duncan

**Readers:** Godfrey Edokpia, Roger Duncan

**Hospitality:** Gail Lawrence, Bob Forman, Mary McGuinness

## ***Donut Ministry:***

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**—Brian Litfin, Alissa Carlson, Anthony Farinella & Family, Bronwen St. Romain

## ***Linens:***

**Sunday, February 1, 2026**—Gail Bruno



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The collection from 01-18-2026 will be in the next bulletin.  
The tithe for *BCO* from 01-18-2026 will be in the next bulletin.  
The tithe for this week is for *SOCKS* which offers crisis assistance to neighbors in Eastern Gaston County.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Small Groups will begin starting this Lenten Season! Please join us as we study the Psalms—  
A Lenten video-based study created by Father Paul.

**Hosts and Facilitators are needed!**

We are seeking volunteers to serve as hosts and facilitators for our small groups. Hosts open their homes or arrange to host a group at a scheduled time at church for group meetings, and facilitators guide the group discussions.

Groups are needed in the following areas: Gastonia, East Gastonia, Belmont, North Belmont, Mount Holly, Stanley, Shelby, and Charlotte. If you are willing to host a group or serve as a facilitator, please call the church office at 704.825.9600 or email Debbie at [communications@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:communications@queenoftheapostles.org) by Thursday, January 29.

Please prayerfully consider whether you are being called to support this ministry by hosting or facilitating a small group.

**Signups for groups will be the weekends of February 7/8 and February 14/15!**

Join us for a time of prayers, discussion and fellowship.

Small Faith Community Gatherings will be weekly during Lent starting the week of February 22 and continuing through the weeks of March 1, March 8 and March 15.

There will also be a Potluck Dinner Social for all who participate in the gatherings on Wednesday, March 25, 6:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center.

LENT 2026

**Pilgrimage to  
IRELAND**  
*In the Footsteps of St. Patrick*  
**May 31-June 11, 2026**

- \$6,684.00 per person in a double room—An additional \$1,379.00 for a single room
- Round-trip airfare from Charlotte
- 10-night accommodations at centrally located first-class hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily with wine and mineral water at dinners

Destinations: Galway, Knock Shrine, Connemara, Corrib Cruise, Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle & Blarney Woolen Mills, Solas Bride & Dublin Panoramic, Glendalough & Powerscourt Estate, Dublin, and Catherine McAuley Mercy Centre

Contact Chrissy Glisson at [parishops@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:parishops@queenoftheapostles.org) for more information or to register for the trip.

You can also scan the QR code or go to [www.206tours.com/frbuchanan](http://www.206tours.com/frbuchanan) for more information.



## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
**Monday:** Saint Timothy and Saint Titus  
**Tuesday:** Saint Angela Merici  
**Wednesday:** Saint Thomas Aquinas  
**Thursday:** Saints Sarbelius & Barbea  
**Friday:** Saint Aldeguna  
**Saturday:** Saint John Bosco

## Sick and Homebound

*Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:* Donna Snyder, Mary 'Mickey' Estridge, Patrick Bragg, Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight.

## Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to [prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org) or phoned in to the church office at 704-825-9600. If you would like to be part of our prayer line ministry and join us in praying for the needs of others, please call the church office or send an email to [prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Online Giving

You have the option to give online through our parish website or scan the QR code provided here in the bulletin. Whether you are making a repeat contribution or one-time gift, you can feel good knowing that your donation is made efficiently, accurately and on time.



## Stay Connected...

Are you unable to join your parish family at Mass each weekend because you are homebound or have temporary or ongoing health issues? If so, please contact our Visitation Ministry Coordinator, Coleen Grenier at 704.825.9600 or email [visitation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:visitation@queenoftheapostles.org) to arrange for Communion to be brought to you at home, in the hospital or at a nursing or rehab facility. A family member may also contact Coleen if you are unable to do so yourself. You continue to be an important part of our faith family and we would like to help keep you connected!

## The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism is generally celebrated on Saturday mornings or by special requested times. Parents wishing to present a child (under six years of age) for Baptism must complete a Saturday morning preparation here in the parish. No reservation is needed. These sessions are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

**The next Baptismal preparation session will be on Saturday, January 31, 10am in the Gathering Space.**



## Weekly Rosary

*The Rosary is recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed from our website on our livestreaming channel.*

*The next Rosary Recitation will be: **January 26 in Creole, February 2 in English, February 9 in Spanish, February 16 in English and February 23 in Tagalog.***



**St. Michael Catholic School—Open House Sunday, January 25, 10:30am-2:00pm**



St. Michael Catholic School invites you to our Open House **Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 10:30am- 2:00pm.**

Come see what St. Michael Catholic School has to offer. Talk to our teachers, tour the school and meet families. Applications and enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year will be open. We are a PK3-8th grade school. If you cannot make the open house, be sure to visit our website [stmcsg.org](http://stmcsg.org) or call the school for more information 704-865- 4382.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25  
**Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41  
**Sunday** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

## Altar Flower Intentions

Altar Flower dedications, *in honor of or in memory of loved ones*, can be made by going to our website at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). A link to reserve flower dedications can be found on the homepage of our website. You can also call the church office for assistance and reserve over the phone or in person during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

**Flowers at the Altar this weekend were dedicated by:**

**John Peoples in loving memory of Susan Beck  
and  
Gina Giannattasio in loving memory of Janet Enix**

**Dilexi te – The Love That Calls Us Back**

**Saturday, February 14**

*A Reflection on Dilexi te (I Have Loved You), the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV.*

Location—Belmont, NC—Sisters of Mercy Campus, 101 Mercy Dr., Curtin Hall – 10am to 1:30 pm.

Co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Sisters of Mercy.

Doors open at 9:30am. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Please register by Monday, February 10: Go to: <https://fs11.formsite.com/SistersofMercy/gue34nzqu3/index>. Questions – please email [scaeducation@ccdoc.org](mailto:scaeducation@ccdoc.org).

# parish life

## **Food Collection—Collection will be February 21-22**

Food Collection for February will be for SOCKS. They need peanut butter, jelly, cereal, Canned meats, green beans, corn, rice, instant potatoes, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and Kleenex tissues. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided on the weekend of February 21-22. Thank you for your generosity.

## **School of Community—Sunday, January 25, 2:00pm-3:30pm**

Join our parish's School of Community once every two weeks for a moment of fellowship in which we grow in our knowledge of the faith and our awareness of how the Good News of our Lord is actively working in and transforming our daily lives. Come as you are, no membership required! Our next gathering is on **Sunday, January 25** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at qoa.soc@yahoo.com.

## **Just for Ladies—Thursday, January 29, 7-8:30pm**

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, January 29** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7-8:30pm! All ladies are welcome to attend! The study will begin with discussion on Sunday Scripture. If you do not like to drive at night, a ride can be arranged for pickup. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

## **First Monday—next meeting is Monday, February 2, 2pm**

On the first Monday of every month, the First Monday Meal group meets in the MAK Family Life Center to prepare meals for two shelters in our community. Our next meeting is **Monday, February 2** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Call, text, or email Laura Liska at 336-608-9630 (lollielive@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

## **Just for Men—next meeting is Monday, February 2 following the 7pm Rosary**

Our monthly Bible study will continue **February 2** on Paul's Letter to the Romans. The theme is "Justification by Faith". Read Romans 5 and Genesis 3:1-7 and chapter 5 from the study guide. For more information, text Deacon Chip at 704-488-5822.

## **Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, February 3, 9:30am-10:30am**

Please join us as we gather to pray for Priests on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel. from 9:30am-10:30am. For more information, please contact Donna Snyder at donnasnyder1976@gmail.com.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, February 3, 10:30-12:30pm**

A group of over thirty women share their gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into shawls for those in need of comfort in our parish. The group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Conference Room. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! For more information, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at ejoconnor81@gmail.com or Mary Hasher at meherbert496@gmail.com.

## **Community Breakfast—Saturday, February 14, 8-11am**

Start the year of fresh with a free breakfast on **Saturday, February 14** from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center. Please come and join us for our famous Pancake and Sausage breakfast and all your other favorite breakfast items. Hope to see and serve you again in the new year! The Breakfast Team

## **Rosary Makers—Saturday, February 14, 10:30-11:30am**

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, February 14**, from 10:30-11:30am in the MAK Center Conference Room. Come for the Community Breakfast then join the group for Rosary Making. If you would like to know more, send an email to Jemi Mendoza at jemi\_mendoza@yahoo.com.

## **Get Ready to Roll for BUNCO!** **Tuesday, January 27, 6:00pm** **MAK Family Life Center**



Ladies, **Save the Date for Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00pm** in the MAK Center. Join us for a night of fun, food and fellowship. Don't know how to play? No problem, it's super easy and FUN! All you need is a little luck.

Please bring a favorite snack to share; drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please email Gina Giannattasio at ghinson25@yahoo.com. We look forward to seeing you and having a great time!

# faithformation

## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION—**

**Next Meeting is January 25**

This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8! The program is now in session! The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Connect to our Flocknote Group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**. If you need more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES—MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!**

**Next Gathering is January 25**

Join us for the next meet on **Sunday, January 25** from 5-7:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center! Dinner is provided at each meet! There is no cost to participate in this program! Bring a friend and join us as we gather for fun, food, games and fellowship!

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION—**

**Next meeting on January 25**

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class takes place on Sunday mornings with Dr. Rovati in the Conference Room from 10:30am-11:00am! This class follows the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us!

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*Youth Group*

**SUPER BOWL**

**POTLUCK**

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**5PM TO HALFTIME!**

Bring your favorite side dish or dessert - chili & hot dogs provided!  
We will play games before kickoff!

## **FIRST SACRAMENTS WORKSHOP**

The First Sacraments Program is now in session.

The Second Meeting will be on **Saturday, February 7 from 12:00pm-3:00pm**.

Please contact Anthony with any questions at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).



## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JUNE 21-25, 5-8PM**



# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana



## ¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

¡Los grupos pequeños comenzarán esta Cuaresma! Únase a nosotros para estudiar los Salmos. Un estudio cuaresmal en video creado por el Padre Paul.

## ¡Se necesitan anfitriones y facilitadores!

Buscamos voluntarios para ser anfitriones y facilitadores de nuestros grupos pequeños. Los anfitriones abren sus hogares o coordinan un lugar en la iglesia para las reuniones de grupo, y los facilitadores guían las discusiones.

Se necesitan grupos en las siguientes áreas: Gastonia, East Gastonia, Belmont, North Belmont, Mount Holly, Stanley, Shelby y Charlotte. Si está interesado en ser anfitrión o facilitador de un grupo, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al 704.825.9600 o envíe un correo electrónico a Debbie a [communications@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:communications@queenoftheapostles.org) antes del jueves 29 de enero.

Por favor, considere en oración si siente el llamado a apoyar este ministerio siendo anfitrión o facilitador de un grupo pequeño.

**¡Las inscripciones para los grupos serán los fines de semana del 7/8 y 14/15 de febrero!**

Únase a nosotros para un tiempo de oración, reflexión y convivencia.

Las reuniones de las Pequeñas Comunidades de Fe se llevarán a cabo semanalmente durante la Cuaresma, comenzando la semana del 22 de febrero y continuando durante las semanas del 1, 8 y 15 de marzo.

También habrá una cena compartida para todos los participantes de las reuniones el miércoles 25 de marzo a las 6:00 p. m. en el Centro Familiar MAK.

CUARESMA 2026

## ¿NECESITA INFORMACIÓN O ASISTENCIA?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 108. Horas de oficina son los martes y miércoles de 9:30 a 4:30. Puede programar una cita si necesita hablar con alguien en horas después de horas de oficina.

## SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISO

El bautismo generalmente se celebra los sábados por la mañana o en horarios especiales solicitados. Los padres que deseen presentar a un niño (menor de seis años) para el bautismo deben completar una preparación el sábado por la mañana aquí en la parroquia. No es necesario reservar nada. Estas sesiones se ofrecen seis veces al año. Durante el embarazo o después del nacimiento de un hijo son momentos apropiados para asistir.

Si los padrinos y madrinas y patrocinadores también están en la zona, les invitamos a asistir también.

**[La próxima sesión de preparación para el bautismo será el sábado 31 de enero a las 10:00 en el Espacio de Reunión.](#)**

## TALLER DE PRIMEROS SACRAMENTOS

El Programa de Primeros Sacramentos ya está en sesión.

La Segunda Reunión tendrá lugar **Sábado, 7 de febrero desde 12:00-15:00.**

Por favor, contacte con Anthony con Cualquier pregunta en [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

