

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

God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- LUKE 18:13



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 26, 2025

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, October 25, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, October 26, 2025

9:15am Kay and Ben Lomus +
11:15am Josh Burr +

Monday, October 27, 2025

9:00am Harold and Marie Schwartz +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Creole

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

5:30pm Gerard Roche +

Thursday, October 30, 2025

9:00am James Giermansky +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, October 31, 2025

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Gloria and Robert Buchanan +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, November 1, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez, Lucas Liska

EMCs: Sharon Thrumbel, Joan Lynn

Readers: Patricia Vasil Ryan, Diane Clifton

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Saturday, November 1, 2025-7:00pm

Eucaristia: Alba Sepulveda, Patricia Hernandez

Lectores: Evelyn Orelana, Ashley Contreras

Sunday, November 2, 2025-9:15am

Altar Servers: Lila St. Romain, Adam St. Romain, Olivia Powers, Caroline Koury

EMCs: Renee Hinson, Jayne Clark

Readers: Frank Kortsch, Dan Rohan

Hospitality: Brad Clark, Laurie Mikulski

Sunday, November 2, 2025-11:15am

Altar Servers: Zoe Barthelemy, Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik, Megan Murphy

EMCs: Patrick Larkin, Ana Larkin

Readers: Thomas Sims, Christelle Angelica Corpin

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Billy McHenry

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Alissa Carlson, Deborah Eagon, Rei Neidermeier, Laura Powers & Family

Linens:

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Joan Donohue



The collection from 10-19-2025 was \$18,088.85.
Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for the *B.R.E.A.D.* from 10-19-2025 was \$904.00.
The tithe for this week is for *Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Centers* which is a haven for homeless in Gaston County that also provides day shelter, laundry and connections to other community resources and services.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Next weekend we begin the month of **November**, which the Church dedicates to prayer for the **Holy Souls in Purgatory**—those who have died in God's grace and friendship but still await the full purification that leads to the vision of God.

This year, **All Saints' Day** falls on **Saturday, November 1**, and therefore **is not a holy day of obligation** in the United States. Even so, it remains a beautiful opportunity to honor all the saints—those known and unknown—who have gone before us in faith and now share in the glory of heaven.

At all of our **weekend Masses (November 1-2)** we will celebrate the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—All Souls' Day**. On this day, the Church turns her prayer to those who have died, entrusting them to the mercy of God and asking that they be purified of every stain of sin.

During the **first nine days of November (November 1-9)**, the Church grants a **plenary indulgence**—applicable only to the souls in purgatory—for those who **visit a cemetery and pray for the dead**, even if only silently. To gain the indulgence, the usual conditions also apply:

1. **Confession** (within about 20 days before or after),
2. **Reception of Holy Communion**,
3. **Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father**, and
4. **Complete detachment from sin**, even venial sin.

Our faith in the **communion of saints** reminds us that the bonds of love between the living and the dead are not broken by death. Scripture tells us that "it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from their sins" (*2 Maccabees 12:46*). In that spirit, we commend the departed to God's mercy and pray that they may soon rejoice in His presence.

Throughout the month of November, parishioners are invited to **bring photos of their deceased loved ones** to be placed on the **shelves in front of the altar and on the steps leading into the sanctuary**. These visible reminders of those we love and miss express our faith that in Christ, death is not the end, and that one day, united in His mercy, we shall all see God face to face.

Fr. Paul

ALL SAINTS DAY

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SAINTS DAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR.

ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 1, MASS AT 5:00PM
NOVEMBER 2, MASSES AT 9:15AM AND 11:15AM

A GALLERY OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 1-23

We invite you to bring framed pictures of family members and loved ones who have died. Please be sure to place your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Place your framed pictures on the shelves in front of the altar to remain throughout the month as a reminder to pray for all who have died. This is also a reminder that death does not separate us in this great Communion we have in the church. You are welcome to remove these the weekend before Thanksgiving on November 22/23.

Sammy's Pub—Wednesday, October 29

What a great combination the Knights of Columbus have set up at Belmont's local neighborhood pub, Sammy's Pub, and a great way of contributing to our LAMB fundraising efforts. **All day Wednesday October 29th**, Sammy's is donating a portion of their sales to LAMB.

This includes take out orders and drinks, from lunch through the evening dinner hour. We'll also have the famous yellow collection cans so bring loose change, too! Come on out and enjoy the atmosphere at Sammy's, a great supporter of our Council. Join with family and friends in supporting LAMB.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Frumentius

Tuesday: Saints Simon and Jude

Wednesday: Saint Abraham Kidunaia

Thursday: Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez

Friday: Saint Wolfgang

Saturday: All Saints Day

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.

Lost & Found Items

Lost & Found items may be found in the basket in the church Gathering Space.

Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to 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.

Online Giving

You have the option to give online through our parish website or click 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.



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025

Please be generous to the DSA. Your gift helps provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese—namely to fulfill our call to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. You may go to https://charlottediocese.org/development/donate_dsa/ to make a donation online or click on the QR code to contribute.



Weekly Rosary

*The Rosary will be 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 on **October 27 in Creole.***

LECTOR BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

Please be sure to pickup your book in the Gathering Space on the counter near KidZone.

Readings for the Week

Monday Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13:4-5, 6 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31 Lk 13:31-35

Friday Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 14:1-6

Saturday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Sunday Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40

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. 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:

Gina Giannattasio in loving memory of Jason Giannattasio and Evelyn Etheredge

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.

The next Baptismal Preparation session will be on Saturday, November 8 at 10am in the Gathering Space.

If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

Food Collection—Collection will be November 29-30

Our collection for November will go to BREAD, Blessings Received Each Appointed Day.

Here is their list. Cereal, peanut butter, Mashed potato flakes, hearty soup or stew canned, and canned yams. We are truly grateful for any shelf-stable food. We have enough rice, snacks, desserts, bread, and baby food. Thanks ever so much! Bring your donations to the altar the weekend of November 29-30, and place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your generosity.

School of Community —Sunday, October 26, 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, October 26** 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, October 30, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, October 30** 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, November 3, 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, November 3** 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, November 3 following the 7pm Rosary

The next Just for Men will meet on **Monday, November 3** after the 7pm Rosary with our study of the Book of Revelation. For more information or to get a copy of the study guide, text Deacon Chip at 704.488.5822 or email deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, November 4, 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, November 4, 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.

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, November 8, following the 5pm Mass

It will be such a sensation, an evening of friends and conversation, a real lively celebration! If you are over 50 and like to have FUN, please join us for our next Young at Hearts' potluck dinner on **November 8th!** Couples and singles alike, please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Dinner begins after the 5pm Mass in the MAK Center. You can drop your dish off before Mass starting at 4pm. Save the date and join us – we're always excited to have new people! For more information, please contact Sabrina Scruggs at sdmcky33@gmail.com.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION 2025

Children's Coats are needed!

We will once again collect new or gently used coats and winter apparel for those who are without. The collection will include coats, hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children of all ages—babies through teenagers. We will collect items on the following weekends: **October 25/26 and November 1/2**. Look for bins in the Gathering Space, the Breezeway and in the MAK Family Life Center. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Queen of the Apostles & Belmont Abbey College

TRUNK OR TREAT

2:00 to 4:00pm
At Belmont
Abbey

Sunday,
October 26th



faithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION— Registration deadline November 2

**Next Meeting November 2,
No Meeting on October 26**

The Family of Faith Program has begun! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8! 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 famiyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES—MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

**Next Meeting on November 2,
No Meeting on October 26**

Join us for the next meet on **Sunday, November 2** 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 November 2,
No Meeting on October 26**

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!

FIRST SACRAMENTS—

First Reconciliation and

First Eucharist—

**November 3, 6:30pm, MAK Family
Life Center**

Registration for the First Sacraments Preparation Program will take place in person at the Mandatory Parent Meeting on **Monday, November 3 at 6:30pm** in the MAK Family Life Center. This is an only parents meeting and will be the only time to register your child for this program. Children must be in at least second grade and in their second year of religious education or attending a Catholic school.

For more information, please contact Anthony Beauregard.



**Reminder: Family of
Faith Registration
Deadline Approaching!**

Last day to sign up is November 2nd!



**PINS & WINS
YOUTH NIGHT**

NOVEMBER 9TH

This event will include bowling, laser tag, and pizza! 🍷🍕

It will take place instead of our regular youth meeting at the church.

**\$20
ENTRY**

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Desde el escritorio del Párroco

El próximo fin de semana comenzamos el mes de **noviembre**, que la Iglesia dedica a la oración por las **Almas del Purgatorio** — aquellos que murieron en la gracia y amistad de Dios, pero que aún esperan la purificación final que los conduce a la visión de Dios.

Este año, la **Solemnidad de Todos los Santos** cae en **sábado, 1 de noviembre**, y por eso **no es día de precepto** en los Estados Unidos. Aun así, es una hermosa ocasión para honrar a todos los santos — conocidos y desconocidos — que nos han precedido en la fe y ahora comparten la gloria del cielo.

En todas nuestras **Misas del fin de semana (1-2 de noviembre)** celebraremos la **Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos**. En este día, la Iglesia dirige su oración por todos los que han muerto, confiándolos a la misericordia de Dios y pidiendo que sean purificados de toda mancha de pecado.

Durante los **primeros nueve días de noviembre (del 1 al 9)**, la Iglesia concede una **indulgencia plenaria**, aplicable solamente a las almas del purgatorio, a quienes **visiten un cementerio y recen por los difuntos**, aunque sea en silencio. Para obtener la indulgencia se requieren las condiciones habituales:

1. **Confesarse** (dentro de unos 20 días antes o después),
 2. **Recibir la Sagrada Comunión**,
 3. **Rezar por las intenciones del Santo Padre**, y
- Estar libre de todo apego al pecado**, incluso venial.

Nuestra fe en la **comunión de los santos** nos recuerda que los lazos de amor entre los vivos y los difuntos no se rompen con la muerte. La Escritura nos enseña que “es una acción santa y piadosa orar por los difuntos, para que sean liberados de sus pecados” (*2 Macabeos 12,46*). Con ese mismo espíritu, encomendamos a los fallecidos a la misericordia de Dios y pedimos que pronto se alegren en su presencia.

Durante todo el mes de noviembre, se invita a los feligreses a **traer fotos de sus seres queridos difuntos** para colocarlas en los **estantes frente al altar y en los escalones que conducen al presbiterio**. Estos signos visibles de amor y esperanza expresan nuestra fe en que, en Cristo, la muerte no es el final, y que un día, unidos en su misericordia, veremos a Dios cara a cara.

P. Paul

ROSARIO DEL MES: Santo Rosario, todos juntos en una sola oración, en un solo clamor por tantas necesidades: por la injusticia, por nuestros jóvenes, nuestras familias, por los que se sienten solos y se están suicidando, por los ancianos y por el dolor de los que han perdido sus seres queridos. Nuestra Madre del Cielo nos espera: Capilla Iglesia de Belmont, sábado 1 de noviembre, 8 am.

PAN Y CHOCOLATE: El sábado 1 de noviembre después de la Santa Misa, los invitamos a degustar de una deliciosa taza de chocolate y el pan de muerto, también para que observen el altar en honor a los difuntos, todo esto es tradición mejicana y la Iglesia quiere que compartamos como comunidad.

FOTOS PARA EL ALTAR: La Iglesia tiene como tradición que cada año en noviembre coloca las fotos de nuestros difuntos en el Altar, para orar por ellos durante el mes. Los invitamos a traer las fotos de sus familiares difuntos, entregarlas a un miembro del Comité para ser colocadas en el Altar y tenerlos en oración, es nuestro mejor tributo a ellos.

¿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. Adema puede programar una cita si necesita hablar con alguien en horas después de horas de oficina.