

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; 1st Saturday of each month 9:00am

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Sunday 8:15-8:45am; Monday 8:00-8:30am; Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

I GIVE YOU A
NEW COMMANDMENT:
Love one another

John 13:34



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 18, 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, May 17, 2025

10:00am First Eucharist Mass
3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm James Giermansky +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, May 18, 2025

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Marie Schwartz +
11:15am For the People

Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Frank Dasilva +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30pm Margaret Garvin +

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:00am Isabel Camillone +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, May 23, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Jay Petruska +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, May 24, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Natalia Gomez, Valentina Gomez

EMCs: Patricia Vasil Ryan, Al Hess

Readers: Mary Beth Halstead, Joe Bruno

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Sunday, May 25, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Lila St. Romain, Carter Phillips, Adam St. Romain

EMCs: Colleen Sutton, Ernie Manaois

Readers: Rita Paluszak, Brendan Sweeney

Hospitality: Rick Hooper, Paul Todd

Sunday, May 25, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Carter Robinson, Natalie Hawkins

EMCs: Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

Readers: Thomas Sims, Sue Dolphin

Hospitality: Billy McHenry, Yvonne Zarza

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Carolina Lopez, Laurie Mikulski, Peggy & Wayne Robertson, Bronwen St. Romain

Linens:

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Joan Lynn



The collection from 05-11-2025 will be in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for *Fields of Hope* will be available in the next bulletin.

The tithe for this week is for *Gastonia Street Ministry*. This ministry hands out food to anyone who shows up in need on the 4th Monday of every month. They give out canned goods, meat, bread, and any items donated.

Pastoral Staff

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Fridays.

Office #: 704-825-9600

Habemus PAPAM!



Pope Leo XIV ~ Bishop of Rome
Formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.
First American Pope
May 8, 2025

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Saint Celestine

Tuesday: Saint Bernardine of Siena

Wednesday: Saint Christopher Magallanes

Thursday: Saint Rita of Cascia

Friday: Saint John Baptist de Rossi

Saturday: Saint David I of Scotland

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:

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. The next Rosary Recitation will be on **May 19 in English, and May 26 in Tagalog.***

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those in need of the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament are asked to contact Jeanne LaFrancis, our Pastoral Associate by emailing pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org. You may also leave a message with the church office.



Readings for the Week

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

Altar Flower Intentions

A new way of dedicating Altar Flowers for *in honor of or in memory of* a loved one has been implemented. To reserve flowers for our altar, please go online to our website and you will see a link to connect. 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.



PASTORAL COUNCIL— Seeking New Members

The Pastoral Council serves as a consultative body to the Pastor, providing prayerful reflection and support in the spiritual and pastoral life of our parish. Members of the Council help discern the needs of the parish community, assist in setting priorities, and promote collaboration among our ministries. Through thoughtful dialogue and faithful leadership, the Council helps guide the parish in fulfilling its mission to proclaim the Gospel and build a vibrant community of faith.

We are now seeking **six (6) new members** to join the Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve, we warmly invite you to apply.

Applicants must submit:

- A completed online application which can be found on the homepage of our church's website, www.queenoftheapostles.org
- A recent photo that you can upload on the application link
- Applications due by May 30th

We invite you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to share your gifts, strengthen our parish community, and help shape the future of our faith family.

Your voice. Your faith. Your parish.

Food Collection—*Collection will be May 24-25*

The Food Collection for May is for Bread, Inc. (Blessings Received Each Appointed Day). They need Peanut Butter, jam, cereal, oatmeal, grits, shelf-stable milk, canned soups, fruit, vegetables, canned stew proteins, chicken, tuna, and spaghetti sauce. Please bring your items to the altar and place them in the baskets provided on the weekend of **May 24-25**. Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors.

School of Community —*Sunday, May 18, 2:00pm*

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, May 18** 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.

Community Breakfast—*Saturday, May 31, 8-11am*

Come join us on **Saturday May 31** from 8-11am in the MAK Family Life Center to celebrate the special women in our lives! We will serve our famous pancake and sausage breakfast and a small surprise for all the moms! Of course, all your other favorite breakfast items along with coffee and juice will be there as well. Hope to see and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

Rosary Makers—*Saturday, May 31, 10:30-11:30am*

Need a Rosary? You can find one in the Gathering Space at church. Rosary Makers also make rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. Our group has provided rosaries to missions in Africa, the Ukraine, Pakistan, Korea, and several Central and South American countries. We meet in the MAK Center conference room on the same Saturdays as the monthly Community Breakfasts. If you would like to know more, send an email to jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com or join us at our **Saturday, May 31** meeting, 10:30-11:30am.

Pentecost
SUNDAY

Parish Mass & Picnic Sunday, June 8, 2025 Mass at 10:30am Queen of the Apostles Campus

Mass at 10:30am followed by a catered BBQ & hot dog cookout catered by Ray Nathan's. Inflatables for the children too! Mass will also be celebrated Saturday, June 7 at 5pm, Spanish Mass at 7pm. There will also be Quiet Mass on Sunday, June 8 at 7:30am.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Mira Via Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are holding a **Bottles for Babies** fundraiser for **Mira Via**. Mira Via is a Catholic, 501(c)(3) non-profit maternity and after-care program with services in Belmont and Charlotte. Mira Via has been a safe haven and source of hope for pregnant mothers and their children since 1994. For more information and how to get involved, visit MiraVia.org.

Baby bottles will be available for pickup or return in the Gathering Space and also in the church office. We are asking you to take a bottle home and fill it with loose change from your car, purse, or piggy bank. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to "Knights of Columbus Council #11076".

Return the bottles by **Father's Day** weekend **June 14-15**, when the Knights will collect them at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support of Mira Via.



faithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our Family Faith Formation religious education program has just concluded for this year! Registration information will soon be available for 2025-2026 program year! For more information regarding our religious education programs, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES—June 1

Youth ages are rising 6th–12th, join us on Sunday, June 1 from 5-7:30pm for Game Night! listed on this page. If you're rising 6th grade, be sure to connect to our Flocknote group for invites, messages and updates: text **QOAYOUTH24-25** to the number **84576**. For more information, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



Hello Summer

June 1st - Game Night

June 8th - Pentecost Sunday

June 28th - Lock In

July 6th - Field day

July 20th - Christmas in July

July 27th - TBD

August 17th - Back to School Bash

ENDLESS
SUMMER
ADVENTURES

Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 5-8pm

***Campers—register by Monday, June 9
so we can be sure to have your t-shirt size!***

Adult Volunteers still needed!

Please go to the homepage of the website to register today if you can help!
Please contact Anthony with questions.

***Newspaper and packing paper still needed.
Please bring to the office during office hours.***

***Please click on the QR Code to link to our
Amazon supply registry:***



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

REFLEXION:

Una vez más Jesús afirmará que el tiempo de su glorificación está cerca, y entre las cosas que les enseñaba está lo que llama el nuevo mandamiento. Jesús estaba a punto de ser glorificado y esta gloria a la cual se refería era su muerte en la cruz del Calvario. Jesús nos da un mandamiento nuevo: "Que os améis unos a otros; como yo os he amado". "En esto conocerán todos que sois mis discípulos, si tenéis amor los unos por los otros". Es un mandamiento nuevo acerca de cuál debe ser nuestra prioridad como cristianos en este regalo de vida que Dios nos ha dado: Que nos amemos los unos a los otros, como Jesús nos ha amado. ¿A quién amamos? A nuestras familias, nuestros amigos, nuestra Iglesia. Muchas veces este amor es factible. Pero el mandamiento que Jesús nos da va mucho más allá. Jesús dice: "Que se amen como yo los he amado." ¿Cómo ama Jesús? Jesús está hablando mientras que Judas está saliendo de la escena para traicionarlo. El amor de Jesús incluye a Judas. Jesús ama a sus enemigos tal como ama a sus amigos. Y nos dice: "Amense los unos a los otros como yo los he amado." Es decir, ama a todos, aun a tus 'enemigos'. Desde la Cruz donde estuvo sangrando, Jesús oró por ellos diciendo: "Padre, perdónalos, porque no saben lo que hacen". Jesús nos llama a amar a todos, como El nos ha amado: plenamente, abundantemente, sin límites, sin excluir siquiera a quienes tal vez nos parezca que no lo merecen; y debemos amarlos con el Amor de Dios, sin restricciones. Esto es lo que significa "gracia." Gracia es amor dado gratuitamente. El Amor de Dios es gratis, contagioso y no excluye a nadie, si quieres entrar en el Reino de Dios es libre. No tienes que pagar porque Cristo ya pagó la entrada por nosotros. No importa el pasado, todos somos bienvenidos al Reino de Dios. El amor es mucho más que un sentimiento. Es dar tu vida por otros, es servir a otros. Amar es entregarte. Jesús dio este mandamiento justo cuando estaba terminando de lavarles los pies a sus discípulos. Fue un acto de servicio, de humillarse y actuar como servidor. Jesús lavó los pies de sus discípulos, incluyendo los pies de Judas. Jesús no hace acepción de personas. Su amor no excluye a nadie. El amor es acción. Dios nos perdonó y nos liberó y sigue amándonos todos los días y justamente por esto podemos amar al prójimo.

FELIZ SEMANA

P. José Antonio Juya V.

CAFÉ DEL MES

Nuestro próximo café del mes sábado 31 de mayo y celebración a todas las madres de la comunidad. Los invitamos a compartir y dar gracias a ellas por su amor y su entrega a las familias. Bienvenidos.