

# 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 am the vine. You are the branches.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

# 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, April 27, 2024**

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Pall Binh Nguyen +  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, April 28, 2024**

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation  
9:15am For the People  
11:15am Helen Eich

### **Monday, April 29, 2024**

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am James R. Aleonar +  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

### **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**

No Mass

### **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**

5:30pm Catherine Prince +

### **Thursday, May 2, 2024**

9:00am Cathy Gagne +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, May 3, 2024**

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am David A. Halstead +

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## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, May 4, 2024-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Janette Blandford, Adam D'Souza  
**EMCs:** Rich Pasqualone, Deborah Eagon  
**Readers:** James Hefferan, Joe Bruno  
**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Elizabeth Atterberry

### **Sunday, May 5, 2024—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Sanchez, Zoe Barthelemy, Damien MacAlester, Olivia Powers  
**EMCs:** Adriana Echeverri, Lisa Owens  
**Readers:** Tom Calabro, Frank Kortsch  
**Hospitality:** Paul Todd, Pat Godfrey

### **Sunday, May 5, 2024—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik, Clark Cordova  
**EMCs:** Ana Larkin, Bethsy SanMillan  
**Readers:** Patrick Larkin, Gabriela Larkin  
**Hospitality:** Billy McHenry, Mike Proud

## ***Donut Ministry:***

### **Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Laurie Mikulski, Brian Litfin, Jane Turner



**Collection from 04-21-2024: \$18,022.90**

***Thank you for your support of the parish!***

***Our Weekly Tithes:*** The tithe from 04-21-2024 for *Bit of Hope Farms* is \$901.00. The tithe for this week will go to *Wheels of Blessings* which is a ministry that delivers food, toiletries and clothing to unhoused people in eastern Gaston County. They aspire to offer a moment of hope to those who may feel hopeless.



# Pentecost

SUNDAY

## Parish Mass & Picnic Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:30am Mass 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, May 18 at 5pm, Spanish Mass at 7pm.  
There will also be Quiet Mass on Sunday, May 19 at 7:30am.

## Mammography & Breast Cancer Screening Program

CaroMont would like to conduct a Breast Cancer and Mammography Screening in collaboration with the parish on Friday, May 31. More information will be available soon.

## Sacraments

For more information about the following Sacraments or to schedule to receive them, please call the church office at 704-825-9600.

**Baptism:** This important sign of initiation is celebrated on Saturday mornings. Parents must complete the preparation program. Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

**Marriage:** This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

## Italy in the Spring—2025 Jubilee Year

Queen of the Apostles next trip will be in Italy for the 2025 Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church in Rome! More information will be available soon!



## Blood Drive Saturday, May 18, 9am-2pm

There will be the Big Red Bus in our parking lot from 9am-2pm on Saturday, May 18. Here's the link to sign up or click on the QR Code.



<https://www.oneblood.org/donate-now/scheduler.html?locationId=1467579>



## Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday,  
8:30am-4:30pm  
Closed on Fridays.



## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Easter  
**Monday:** Saint Catherine of Siena  
**Tuesday:** Saint Pius V  
**Wednesday:** Saint Joseph the Worker  
**Thursday:** Saint Athanasius  
**Friday:** Saints Philip and James  
**Saturday:** Saint Florian

## 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).

## 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

## Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly in-person as well as LiveStream. The rosary will be recited next on **April 29** in English.

## Deployed Military

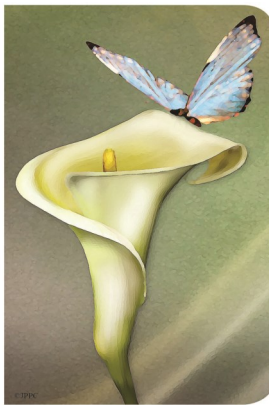
Please keep our deployed military in your prayers: Pvt. Mikhail T. Uloth

## 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.



ALTAR FLOWERS



With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two flower arrangements at the weekend Masses. Flowers can be dedicated in loving memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please call the church office or visit the sign up in the Gathering Space.

*Flowers at the Altar this weekend were donated by The Reed Family in loving memory of Grandpa Mike Reed*



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CMGConnect

## Instructions for Complying with New Safe Environment Program

***Virtus has changed to CMG Connect***

1. Go to <https://Charlotte.CMGConnect.org>
2. **If you have previous safe environment certification (VIRTUS):** Your historical records may have been imported to CMG Connect. **Please do NOT create a new account.** Click **Sign In** located in the upper right corner of the page. On the Account Login screen, use the username format: **FirstnameLastname-rcdoc** (ex: JohnSmith-rcdoc) and password: **1234** You will be prompted to update to a more secure password the first time you sign in. Once the new password is saved, return to the sign in page and use your new credentials to access your training.
3. **If you are NEW to CMG Connect:** Please create a new account by completing all of the boxes under the **Register for a New Account** area. This will include your address, primary parish, and how you participate at your parish or school. Once your account is successfully created, you will automatically be brought to your training dashboard page.
3. Click **Start** to open the A. Safe Environment Policies for **MINORS (UNDER AGE 18) - Charlotte** module posted under the Required Trainings area of your dashboard.
4. If you have a valid email address associated with your account, you will receive notification from [webmaster@cmgconnect.org](mailto:webmaster@cmgconnect.org) when you have completed the curriculum and upon your approved certification.
5. After your account is certified by the Diocese, you can also download and/or print a certificate for the completed curriculum. To access login to your account, click **Print Certificate** under the finished module(s).

More information can be found in the Gathering Space of Church. Questions? Please contact the Church office at 704.825.9600 during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm. You may also contact the Diocese Safe Environment Office at [safeenvironment@rcdoc.org](mailto:safeenvironment@rcdoc.org).

# parish life

## **April Monthly Food Collection—Collection will be April 27/28**

BREAD INC in Gastonia is our April recipient. They are most in need of peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, grits, and oatmeal packets. Please bring your donations to the altar the weekend of April 27-28 and place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Just for Ladies—Thursday, May 2, 7-8:30pm**

Just for Ladies Bible Study will next meet on **Thursday, May 2** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7-8:30pm. All ladies are welcome to attend. The current study is reflections for the next Sunday's scripture. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at [qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com).

## **School of Community —Sunday, May 5, 2pm**

The School of Community is a moment of dialogue organized by the local chapter of the Fraternity of Communion and Liberation. Its goal is to help us become aware of what the Lord is doing in our lives so that we might be surprised and changed by it. The next gathering is on **Sunday, May 5** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. **No RSVP is necessary.** For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at [ale.rova@gmail.com](mailto:ale.rova@gmail.com).

## **Widows: Side by Side- Monday, May 6, 1pm**

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, May 6** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at [pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org) or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

## **First Monday—Monday, May 6, 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, May 6** 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](mailto:lollielive@gmail.com)) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

## **Just for Men—Will next meet is Monday, May 6**

The Just for Men study of the Gospel of John will next meet following the Rosary on **Monday, May 6** at 7:30 in the church parlor. Text is John 12:20-26. Read "The Grain of Wheat Must Die" (page 100-101 in the study guide). All men are welcome. For details, text or call Deacon Chip at 704.488.5822 [deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org).

## **Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, May 11, following the 5pm Mass**

We want to invite all those that are Young at Heart, over 50 and love to have FUN, to come out to the next Young at Hearts' potluck dinner on **May 11** in the MAK Center! We are always extra excited to have new people join us too! Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share! It's a great time to meet friends and have a great dinner together! Dinner begins after 5 o'clock Mass in the MAK Center. You can drop off your dish before Mass from 4-5pm. So be sure to save the date and join us! For more information, please contact Rich Dudley at [richardadudley@yahoo.com](mailto:richardadudley@yahoo.com).

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

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, May 11**, 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](mailto:jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com).



**Save the Date!**  
**Saturday, March 1, 2025**  
**3rd Annual FAB**

*(Fundraiser—Auction—Benefit)*

Mark your calendars so you don't miss it!



## **Estias with Chef Jack—Just for our Parish, May 5**

Parishioner and long-time local chef Jack Acheson has returned to Estias Kouzina Restaurant on 609 North Main Street, Belmont, and he will be serving Sunday Brunch with a grand opening on Mother's Day. It's called "Estias with Chef Jack". **Just for our Parish, on May 5th**, he has planned a brunch for Queen of the Apostles families and guests to enjoy the new brunch menu between 11am- 3pm. He will donate 25% of the proceeds to the Parish to split between the church offering and L.A.M.B. Reservations can be made on Yelp. Walk-in's will be welcome.

# faithformation

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades PreK-8! **This program is opened to parishioners of all ages! A Family of Faith will be meeting next on Sunday, May 5!** This will be the last meeting for the program year. For more information or questions regarding this program, please contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family & Youth Discipleship at 704-825-9600, ext. 1008 or email [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Join us for our next Middle School and High School Youth Ministries program on **Sunday, May 5** from 5-7:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center! Our program will be **Status—The Pursuit of Recognition in Place of God's Affirmation!** Dinner is provided—no cost to participate! Bring a friend and be sure to join us as we gather for fun, games and fellowship!

## FIRST EUCHARIST

Please keep the children preparing for their First Eucharist in your prayers. The First Eucharist Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 4 at 10am.**

# Vacation Bible School June 23-27, 5-8pm

***Registration is now open!***

Be sure to save the date and join us for this year's Vacation Bible School as we dive into **Scuba—Diving into friendship with God!** If you are interested in helping, please contact Anthony at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

### Registration:

**Registration for VBS opens the weekend of April 13/14!** Look for the signup area in the Gathering Space for details.

### Donations needed!

Please start collecting the following items are being collected until June 1st and can be brought to the Gathering Space starting the weekend that registration opens: paper towel rolls,; plastic bottle tops ex: milk, soda, milk, apple juice, Gatorade; egg cartons and round yogurt containers. If you have pool noodles you can donate them as well. Items can be brought to the designated container starting the weekend of April 13/14 in the Gathering Space.



### Amazon Registry:

We also have a registry created to help with VBS decorating and supply items that are needed. Please visit our amazon registry to see a list of items by clicking on the QR Code. You can also search in Amazon under the registry name, **VBS Scuba 2024.**



***Thank you in advance for your support!***

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## Reflexión

BENDITO SEA EL SEÑOR: YO SOY LA VERDADERA VID Y MI PADRE EL VIÑADOR

Yo soy la vid verdadera Esta parábola es considerada significativa porque expresa muy bien la naturaleza y la profundidad de la relación existente entre Cristo y los que creen en El. Yo soy la vid y ustedes los sarmientos, lo dice claramente Jesús. Jesús comienza con esta severa advertencia: El sarmiento que no da fruto. Todo sarmiento que está vivo tiene que producir frutos. Los frutos son la realidad, la característica del hombre nuevo en Cristo. Un sarmiento no produce frutos porque no responde a la vida que se le comunica. Esa sentencia no es otra cosa que la confirmación de lo que en el mismo hombre se ha dado; al negarse a amar y no hacer caso al Hijo se coloca él mismo fuera. Los sarmientos que no dan fruto son quienes pertenecen a la comunidad, pero no se asimilan a Jesús, no siguen sus mandamientos, sobre todo el nuevo mandamiento del amor. Entre el sarmiento y la vid existe una unión tan estrecha, tan vital y profunda, que el sarmiento si no está unido a la planta no puede producir ningún fruto, porque no tiene vida. Entre Jesús y los suyos existe una unión íntima. La misma vida que está en El circula en los suyos. El sarmiento no tiene vida propia y, por lo tanto, de por si no puede dar fruto, necesita la sabia, el Espíritu comunicado por Jesús. Interrumpir la relación con Jesús significa separarse de la fuente de la vida y reducirse a la esterilidad. Nuestra vida de fe, esperanza y amor, emanadas de nuestro Bautismo sólo podrán tener eficacia si siempre estamos unidos a Jesús. Ninguna acción cristiana podrá subsistir si no estamos unidos a la vid verdadera: Cristo. Es importante revisar esa relación con Jesús, no se trata sólo en creer, sino sobre todo el estar totalmente involucrado en su misión, misión que nace de una permanencia total con Jesús y que es alimentada a través de la oración, la palabra de Dios, la vivencia de los santos Sacramentos y en el cumplimiento de los mandamientos. ¿Cómo lo notamos? Pues se nota a través de nuestro testimonio de vida, ejercido con humildad y sencillez de corazón que se expresa en el amor a Dios y a los hermanos. Los invito a meditar este mensaje tan profundo para nuestra vida, y ya de el podemos evaluar nuestro seguimiento y entrega a Jesús.

Meditemos con el corazón.

P. José Antonio Juya V.



## ¿Necesita información o asistencia?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Si es así, puede programar una cita para recibir ayuda. Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 1007.

**Bautismo:** Este importante signo de iniciación se celebra los sábados por la mañana. Los padres deben completar el programa de preparación. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos dos meses antes de su fecha anticipada para el bautismo.

**Matrimonio:** Este sacramento proporciona una oportunidad para que una pareja se mantenga como un signo del amor de Dios en la comunidad. Con este fin, un período de preparación es importante y necesario. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de su matrimonio propuesto para comenzar este proceso.

## KidZone

KidZone está abierto durante las misas de 9:15 am y 11:15 am para los miembros más jóvenes de nuestra iglesia de 6 meses a 3 años de edad. Se encuentra fuera del Espacio de Reunión al entrar en la iglesia.