

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles

503 North Main Street, Belmont, North Carolina 28012, Phone: 704-825-9600, Fax: 704-825-1413, www.queenoftheapostles.org

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



BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 12, 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, January 11, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Todd Hansen

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, January 12, 2025—The Baptism of the Lord

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am For the People

11:15am Robert Buchanan +

Monday, January 13, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Mary Arcuri +

7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Tagalog

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

No Mass

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30pm Joshua Burr +

Thursday, January 16, 2025

9:00am Mel Parent +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, January 17, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Robert Buchanan +

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Office #: 704-825-9600

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, January 18, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Adam D'Souza, Phelps Reed

EMCs: Diane Hess, Rich Pasqualone

Readers: Patricia Vasil Ryan, Diane Clifton

Hospitality: Rich Ryan, Rich Dudley

Sunday, January 19, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Lila St. Romain, Corinne St. Romain, Adam St. Romain, Olivia Powers

EMCs: Ernie Manaos, Connie Carnes

Readers: Elizabeth Sisk, Cam Tracy

Hospitality: Laurie Mikulski, Joe Shirley

Sunday, January 19, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Gabrielle Miller, Natalie Hawkins

EMCs: Gerry McDonough, Colleen Sutton

Readers: Andrew Kloak, Sue Dolphin

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Alissa Carlson, Bronwen St. Romain, Anthony Farinella & Family, Pat D. Lynch



The collection from 12-22-2024 was \$20,712.51.

The collection from 12-29-2024 was \$34,238.48.

The collection from 01-05-2025 was \$22,656.79.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The title for *Safe Alliance* from 12-22-2024 was \$1,035.00. The title for *The Shelter of Gaston County* from 12-29-2024 was \$1,711.00. The title for the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Great Gaston* from 01-05-2025 was \$1,132.00. The title for this week is for *With Friends* which provides housing and support services for homeless teenagers in Gaston County.

Our title helps pay for continued services after the government sponsored two week period expires.

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH
FUNDRAISER AUCTION BENEFIT



SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025, 6PM-MIDNIGHT

Gastonia Conference Center, 145 South Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

The evening will include:

Sit Down Dinner, Dancing, Complimentary Drinks from 6-8pm, Live and Silent Auctions, Fund-A-Need, Game Time Fun

Tickets can be purchased at:

Online at: <https://queenoftheapostles.ejoinme.org/FAB2025>

Get your tickets early – only 300 tickets will be sold!

Tickets: \$100

If you have any questions, please email Stacey Phillips, sjb531@yahoo.com or Melissa Gardner, melissag8534@gmail.com.



Scan code to purchase tickets:

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP PILGRIMAGE
JANUARY 23-25**

Join a pro-life pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the nation's biggest pro-life witness! Includes the Vigil Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Life Fest with the Sisters of Life, the National March for Life, and more! Tickets \$200-\$300, includes lodging and transportation. Student discounts available. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Diocese of Charlotte. Questions? respectlife@rcdoc.org.



Scan for
DC Pilgrimage

**SPECIAL COLLECTION UPDATE:
ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH**

Bishop Martin's Office from the Diocese of Charlotte has just updated us that based on the offertory trends from the impacted parishes and the remarkable contributions made by sister parishes, they have reported that sufficient funds have been raised. With this update reported, they are now pausing collections for the storm relief.

Their heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to this cause. Your generosity has made a profound impact, and we are blessed to witness the strength of our Catholic community in times of need.



oneblood

**BLOOD DRIVE
JANUARY 18
9-2PM**

The next blood drive here at Queen of the Apostles Church will be on: Saturday, January 18 "on the bus" from 9-2pm.

Here is the signup link as well:

<https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/1528900>



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Saint Hilary

Tuesday: Saint Felix of Nola

Wednesday: Saint Paul the Hermit

Thursday: Saint Fursey

Friday: Saint Anthony the Abbot

Saturday: Saint Volusian, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

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.



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

Girl Scout Cookies

Brownie Troop 1903 will sell Girl Scout Cookies after Masses on **January 19 and January 20**. The cost is \$6 a box. The girls will use the money they earn to pay for their Spring camping trip and various community service activities.

Readings for the Week

Monday Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

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.

Flowers at the Altar this weekend

were donated by:

The Glisson Family
in loving memory of Tom Glisson

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
January 13 in Tagalog
January 20 in English
January 27 in Creole

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. These are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend.

Please call the church office to make a reservation to attend the next upcoming program. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well. The next Baptismal Prep Session is **Saturday, January 25 at 10am** in the Gathering Space.

parish life

Food Collection—Collection will be January 25-26

The Diocese of Charlotte is our January 2025 recipient. They need Mac n Cheese, Spaghetti sauce (no jars please) cooking oil, white rice and brown rice, dried beans, green beans, corn, tuna, cereal, oatmeal, grits, peanut butter, flour, sugar and canned fruit (any kind). Please bring your donations to the altar the weekend of January 25-26 and place them in the baskets provided. Community Ministries thanks you for your generosity this year. You have been a blessing to so many in our community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

School of Community —Sunday, January 12, 2:00pm

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, January 12** 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.

Widows: Side by Side— Will meet next on Monday, January 13, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, January 13** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

Just for Ladies—Will next meet on January 16 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, January 16** 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. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Community Breakfast—Saturday, January 25, 8-11am

Start the new year out with a great free breakfast from QoA on **Saturday January 25** from 8 - 11 am at the MAK family life center with our famous pancakes and sausage breakfast! Of course, all your other favorite breakfast items along with coffee and juice will be served as well. Hope to see and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

Fair Trade Event

Thank you to all who supported the 3rd Annual Fair Trade Event. We sent House of Hope \$1335.75 to help victims of Human Trafficking.

 

CONFERENCE HOSTED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES & SISTERS OF MERCY

Walking with the Spirit in the World

CATHOLIC CREATION CARE
AT THE HEART OF SERVING THOSE IN NEED

DATE: SATURDAY FEB 8, 2025
TIME: 9AM - 3:30PM
**LOCATION: SISTERS OF MERCY,
101 MERCY DR, BELMONT, NC**

RSVP BY FEB 5

FOLLOW QR CODE OR
TYPE THIS INTO YOUR BROWSER
<https://bit.ly/3VxgNx7>



*You are invited to join with Charlotte Diocese Catholics on **Saturday, February 8, 2025** for a 1-day conference on responding to the cry of the poor and the earth. You will explore ways to connect the call of Laudato Si to your life through listening, reflecting and sharing. Keynote speakers Bishop Michael Martin and eco-theologian Dr. Catherine Wright will bookend three workshops designed to inspire you to make meaningful impacts in your home, parish and community to address poverty, climate change and environmental justice. The conference is from 9am to 3:30pm in Belmont and includes lunch. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of Charlotte and the Sisters of Mercy. For more details or to register, see <https://bit.ly/3VxgNx7> or click the QR code.*

faithformation

YOUTH MINISTRIES—Meetings this month—January 12 & 19

Youth groups meet on scheduled Sundays from 5:00-7:30pm 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!



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Meetings this month—January 12 & 19

Family Faith Formation will meet on **January 12**. 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. Meeting spaces are as follows: Grades K-4 are in the MAK Center, Grades 5-8 are in the Chapel and the Hispanic session is in St. Benedict Education Center.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Saturday, February 1, 9:00am-11:00am

Students who are registered in this year's Confirmation Preparation Program will meet on **Saturday, February 1** from 9:00am-11:00am in the Church. We ask that one parent attend with the student. This will be the second of three required meets. If you have questions, Please contact Anthony at famiyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION PROGRAM

Saturday, January 18, 12:00pm-3:00pm

The first workshop for the students registered in the First Sacraments Preparation Program will take place on **Saturday, January 18** from 12:00pm-3:00pm. Parents are asked to attend with the students. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you have questions, Please contact Anthony at famiyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class takes place following the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us on Sunday mornings from 10:30am-11:00am with Dr. Rovati in the Conference Room. Our next meeting will be on **January 12**.

WEDNESDAYS

Adults are also invited to attend the Wednesday evening OCIA session with Father Paul which takes place in the MAK Family Life Center every Wednesday from 6:15pm-7:30pm. If you would like to partake in the Wednesday session, please be sure to order the book, 'This is Our Faith, A Catholic Catechism for Adults' — the book can be purchased from Amazon. Click on the QR Code to order:



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

El Evangelio de Lucas nos presenta el Bautismo de Jesús. Él, que era Dios, que no tenía ningún pecado, acudió a Juan, el Bautista, para ser bautizado. ¡Qué sorpresa para el Bautista ver que el mismo Dios se inclinaba ante él para recibir este sacramento! Con este gesto, Jesús nos demuestra la grandeza de este misterio y nos da una lección más de humildad. Uno de los momentos más importantes de la vida de todo cristiano es el bautismo. En efecto, por el bautismo nos hacemos hijos de Dios. Somos sanados del pecado original y este sacramento nos abre las puertas del cielo y por medio de él, Dios nos da su gracia. A nosotros nos corresponde hacerla fecunda, hacerla crecer día tras día. Y descendió el Espíritu Santo en forma corporal, como una paloma, sobre Él, y se dejó oír del cielo una voz: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado, en Ti me complazco". Tenemos que lograr que el Padre también exclame de cada uno de nosotros: "Este es mi hijo amado, en él me complazco." Y esto lo debemos lograr cuando le agradamos en todo, correspondiendo a ese don tan maravilloso que nos vino por el bautismo, el don del Espíritu Santo. Que todos aquellos con los que convivimos descubran en nosotros esa paloma invisible que se traduce en santidad y en donación hacia nuestro prójimo. Una vez que Cristo se hizo bautizar, comenzó de lleno su misión apostólica. También nosotros estamos llamados a ser apóstoles y portadores del mensaje redentor y salvífico de Cristo, en este mundo que parece caminar a ciegas.

DIOS LOS BENDIGA.

P. José Antonio Juya V.

COMPARTIR DE PAREJAS:

Empecemos el año con nuevos propósitos, hagamos la diferencia realizando esos proyectos que hemos venido retrasando y que nos hacen mejores esposos. El viernes 17 de enero a las 7 pm, tendremos nuestro primer compartir de parejas, del año. Por favor traer algo para compartir. Los esperamos en el edificio San Benedicto, todos son bienvenidos.

REUNION DE COMITÉ:

El miércoles 29 de enero a las 7 pm, tendremos reunión de Comité, por favor necesitamos de su presencia para llevar a cabo todos los proyectos que hay para este año en cada Ministerio. Haces parte del Comité, comprométete, no sólo figures en la lista, te esperamos.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR

¡La inscripción ya está abierta para el programa Una Familia de Fe de este año! ¡Este es el principal programa catequético de la Iglesia Reina de los Apóstoles y cumple con los requisitos de educación religiosa para niños en los grados K-8! ¡Una Familia de Fe comenzará el domingo 12 de enero! La mañana comienza a las 10:15am en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y donas, seguido de la reunión a las 10:30am para todos en la Iglesia.

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.

¿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. 108.