

# 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



# Lord, teach us to pray.

LUKE 11:1

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 27, 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, July 26, 2025**

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

### **Sunday, July 27, 2025**

9:15am Josh Burr +  
11:15am James Giermansky +

### **Monday, July 28, 2025**

9:00am Communion Service  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Creole

### **Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, July 30, 2025**

5:30pm Mickey Wilson +

### **Thursday, July 31, 2025**

9:00am Jacqueline A. Vizard +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, August 1, 2025**

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am John Hans +

## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, August 2, 2025-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Natalia Gomez, Phelps Reed

**EMCs:** Jennifer Church, Jeanmarie Panzica

**Readers:** Richard Swakla, Diane Clifton

**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Rich Dudley

### **Sunday, August 3, 2025—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Sanchez, Carter Phillips, Clark Cordova

**EMCs:** Carmen Miron, Bethsy SanMillan

**Readers:** TJ St. Romain, Adriana Echeverri

**Hospitality:** Brian Litfin, Pat Godfrey

### **Sunday, August 3, 2025—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Carter Robinson, Gabrielle Miller

**EMCs:** Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

**Readers:** Andrew Kloak, Alberto Gonzalez

**Hospitality:** Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza

## ***Donut Ministry:***

### **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Jane & Dan Turner, Alissa Carlson, Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Deborah Eagon

## ***Linens:***

### **Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Peggy & Wayne Robertson



The collection from 07-13-2025 was \$19,612.06.

The collection from 07-20-2025 was \$20,874.86.

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

### ***Our Weekly Tithes:***

The tithe for *Safe Alliance* from 07-13-2025 was \$980.00.

The tithe for *The Shelter of Gaston County* was \$1,043.00.

The tithe for this week is for *Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston* which assists needy children in the after care programs with food that is not available in the family home.

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## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

Feast of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus – July 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I try to rediscover a regular rhythm of life following recent family events, one of the things I want to be sure to try to renew is my commitment to this bulletin column. I know that many of you actually do read it! Thank you for your attention to what is written here (as well, of course, to what is preached from the ambo during Mass!). Thank you for your patience as I continue to adjust to "the new normal" in my life.

As a corollary to that, I also want to thank all of you for your graciousness to me following the death of my mother, Gloria. So many of you offered Mass cards, memorial gifts, and prayers for the happy repose of her soul; I was also profoundly touched by everyone who offered me assistance and kindness, too. Needless to say, the last few months (years!) have not been easy. But I believe in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! And that, at the end of the day, is what we base our hope upon, especially in the midst of grief. It does not make the losses that we suffer any less acute, but it does remind us that death will not have the last word.

Saint Martha's reputation sometimes unjustly suffers based on the Gospel passage we heard last weekend, but her interaction with the Lord following the death of her brother, Lazarus, demonstrates the depth of her faith in her Savior and ours, and she helps us find the words to say when we struggle with our own grief. In that brief passage from the Fourth Gospel, "Jesus said to [Martha], 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world'" (John 11:23-27).

Yes, Lord. We believe this. Help us to act like we do, even in grief, by never abandoning the hope to which you call us (cf. Eph. 1:18).

Fr. Paul

Dear Queen of the Apostles Family,

My name is Sam Howell and I am thrilled to serve as the Director of Music Ministries here at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church. This is truly a wonderful place, and I have already felt so loved and a part of your church family. God is doing great things in the life of this church, and in our community.

You are invited to come and sing with us! Regardless of your age or musical background, there is a place for your voice at Queen of the Apostles. ***The first rehearsal for ALL CHOIRS will be the following Wednesday, August 13.***

- Children's Choir (Gr K-5) rehearses in Kidzone from 5:15-5:50 PM.
- Youth Choir (Gr 6-12) rehearses from 6:00-6:50 in the church.
- Adult Choir rehearses from 7-8:30 in the church. The Adult Choir will be having a ***Welcome Back Potluck Lunch on Sunday, August 10 at 12:15 in the MAK Center.***

I believe that music is the Holy mouthpiece through which God speaks to us. Choral singing is a powerful and transformative art form that touches our heart and soul. It heals our brokenness and expresses our greatest joys and deepest sorrows. When we join together in song, we offer our praise to God and we proclaim His Good News. I am so thankful for the opportunity to do just that. My predecessors, Andrew Paluszak and Chrissy Glisson, have each done outstanding work in leading our music program. I am thankful to both of them for their guidance and support, and I am humbled to walk in their footsteps. As my home church would always say: God is good all the time and all the time God is good. I am excited to see what the future holds, and I know that the seeds we plant will certainly grow and bear fruit in this new season for our Music Ministry.

In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Yours in Christ,  
Sam Howell

Scan the QR Code below to learn more about me!



## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Saint Innocent I

**Tuesday:** Saint Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

**Wednesday:** Saint Peter Chrysologus

**Thursday:** Saint Ignatius of Loyola

**Friday:** Saint Alphonsus Liguori

**Saturday:** Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Saint Peter Julian Eymard

## 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](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 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/](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 **July 28 in Creole.***

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday** Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

**Friday** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday** Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

## 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 on July 20 were dedicated by:**

**Martha R. Gardner**  
*in loving memory of Donald Lee Owens*

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

**Josephine & David Vizard**  
*in loving memory of Jacqueline Vizard & Julieta R. Aleonar*



## 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.

The next Baptismal preparation session will be scheduled sometime soon. Please call the church office to make a reservation to attend. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

***The next Baptismal Prep program will be on Saturday, August 23 at 10am in the Gathering Space of Church.***

## Food Collection—Collection will be August 30-31

Food Collection - We will collect the following food items for SOCKS in August:

Canned green beans, corn, canned meats, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter, and jelly. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided on the weekend of **August 30-31**. Thank you for your generosity.

## Dad's Group, for Work or Stay-At-Home Dads—Thursday, July 31, 12:30-2:30pm

Are you a Stay-At-Home or Homeschooling Dad? Come join other Dads for a time of Fellowship and Faith Discussion on **Thursday, July 31 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm** in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space. KidZone will be available and open for the children. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Brendan Sweeney at qoadads@gmail.com.

## First Monday—Monday, August 4, 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, August 4** 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!

## Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, August 5, 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, August 5, 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.



Thank you, Father Paul and members of Queen of the Apostles parish for your on-going support of Project St. Anne. Your 17-year commitment to the community of Camp Perrin, Haiti has helped provide food for the hungry, restoration after natural disasters and education for the children. This year, plans are in place to open the **Center of Dreams** school; starting with 72 children ages 3, 4 and 5. Other grades will be added in subsequent years as construction continues.

You can contribute through the Queen of the Apostles' online giving which can be found on our website. Two different accounts have been established for contributions; one is for donations to the Feast of St. Anne; and the other is for education sponsorship for the children attending school in Camp Perrin.

As Catholic Christians, we are called to walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7). Our continued support of the Feast of St. Anne is a sign of our faith, and hope to our neighbors in Camp Perrin. Thank you for your ongoing financial and spiritual support.



## Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you know someone that wants to join the Church?



The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through a journey of faith formation, study, prayer, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. A group of interested adults engage in conversation, ask questions, discuss issues, break open the Word, and learn about the Catholic Church's history, symbols, and beliefs. They then fully enter into the period of enlightenment as they prepare for their initiation into the church during the Easter Vigil.

If you are interested in joining OCIA, or know someone who might be, please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 or email parishops@queenoftheapostles.org. Register by clicking on the QR Code:



## Altar Serving Training Saturday, August 9, 10am-11am

If you are interested in training to be an Altar Server, please join us on **Saturday, August 9** from 10am-11am in the Gathering Space of the Church. This training is for all children who have received their First Holy Communion.

For more information, please contact Deacon Zeke at deaconzeke@queenoftheapostles.org.



# faithformation

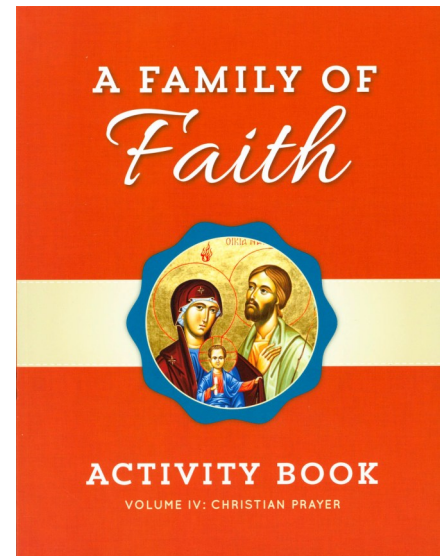
## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION— REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

*Registration is now open for the Family Faith Formation 2025-2026 program year! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8!*

Join us as we dig deeper into our faith with **A Family of Faith - Volume IV: Christian Prayer** which starts on **Sunday, September 14!** The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Meeting spaces will be designated for different levels based on ages. Be sure to look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements and by connecting to our flocknote group. You can connect to the Flocknote group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**.

**Catechists are still needed! Please reach out to Anthony with any questions or if you have an interest in teaching.**

For more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**  
(Youth ages are rising 9th-12th)

**BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR**

**Movie &  
SWIM NIGHT**

**Thursday, July 31, 7pm-10pm**

*For more information,  
contact Anthony!*



***We love having you as part of our Flock!***

Keep in touch with us via email and text!  
Text **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576** for Family of Faith updates or **QOAYOUTHMINISTRY** to the number **84576** for Youth Ministries updates.

For more information, please contact Anthony at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## **Desde el Escritorio del Párroco**

*Fiesta de los Santos Marta, María y Lázaro – Julio de 2025*

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Mientras intento redescubrir un ritmo de vida regular después de los recientes acontecimientos familiares, una de las cosas que quiero renovar es mi compromiso con esta columna del boletín. Sé que muchos de ustedes realmente la leen. ¡Gracias por su atención a lo que aquí se escribe! (Y, por supuesto, también a lo que se proclama desde el ambón durante la Misa). Les agradezco su paciencia mientras continuo adaptándome a esta "nueva normalidad" en mi vida.

Relacionado con eso, también quiero agradecerles a todos por su amabilidad hacia mí tras el fallecimiento de mi madre, Gloria. Muchos de ustedes ofrecieron tarjetas de Misa, donativos conmemorativos y oraciones por el Eterno descanso de su alma. También me conmovió profundamente cada persona que me brindó ayuda y cariño. No hace falta decir que los últimos meses (¡o años!) no han sido fáciles. Pero yo creo en la Resurrección de Jesucristo. Y esa, al final del día, es la base de nuestra esperanza, especialmente en medio del duelo. No elimina el dolor de nuestras pérdidas, pero sí nos recuerda que la muerte no tendrá la última palabra.

La reputación de Santa Marta a veces sufre injustamente por el pasaje del Evangelio que escuchamos el fin de semana pasado. Sin embargo, su encuentro con el Señor tras la muerte de su hermano Lázaro demuestra la profundidad de su fe en nuestro Salvador, y nos ayuda a encontrar palabras cuando luchamos con nuestro propio dolor. En ese breve pasaje del cuarto Evangelio, "Jesús le dijo [a Marta]: 'Tu hermano resucitará.' Marta le respondió: 'Sé que resucitará en la resurrección en el último día.' Jesús le dijo: 'Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá; y todo el que vive y cree en mí no morirá jamás. ¿Crees esto?' Ella le dijo: 'Sí, Señor, yo creo que tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios, el que debía venir al mundo'" (Juan 11, 23-27).

Sí, Señor. Lo creemos. Ayúdanos a vivir como si realmente lo creyéramos, incluso en el duelo, sin abandonar jamás la esperanza a la que nos llamas (cf. Ef 1, 18).

P. Paul

## **Formación de Fe en Familia REGISTRACIÓN ABIERTA AHORA!**

La registración para la formación de fe en familia de 2025-2026 está abierta ahora en línea! Este es el programa de catequesis principal de Reina de los Apóstoles y llena los requisitos y requerimientos para los niños/as en K-8 grado!

¡Únase a nosotros mientras profundizamos en nuestra fe con Una Familia de Fe - Volumen IV: Oraciones Cristianas que comienza el domingo 14 de septiembre! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y dona, seguido de la reunión. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el edificio de Educación, asegúrese de buscar más información en los próximos anuncios del boletín.

Estaremos presentes después de las 6 p.m. el 19 Junio en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia para ayudar con el registro y responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener.

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Anthony B, director de discipulado familiar y juvenil de [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org)

## **Entremamiento para ser Monaguillos/as**

Si está interesado en capacitarse para ser un monaguillo, únase a nosotros el sábado 9 de agosto de 10 a.m. a 11 a.m. en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia. Esta formación es para todos los niños que han recibido su Primera Comunión. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el diácono Zeke [deaconzeke@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:deaconzeke@queenoftheapostles.org).

## **Rosario del Mes**

El próximo sábado 2 de agosto a las 8:00 am, los invitamos a hacer parte de nuestro Rosario en la Capilla. Los esperamos, oremos juntos.

