

# 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 4, 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 3, 2025**

9:00am Dennis Fascella Jr. +  
3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm For the People  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, May 4, 2025**

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation  
9:15am Cindy Byrne +  
11:15am James R. Aleonar +

### **Monday, May 5, 2025**

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Communion Service  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

### **Tuesday, May 6, 2025**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, May 7, 2025**

5:30pm Abbot Placid Solari

### **Thursday, May 8, 2025**

9:00am John Day +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, May 9, 2025**

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Kurt Kast +

## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, May 10, 2025-5:00pm**

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

**EMCs:** Sharon Thrumbel, Patty Topper

**Readers:** Alison Nolting, Jeanmarie Panzica

**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Pat Godfrey

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Sanchez, Corinne St. Romain, Olivia Powers

**EMCs:** Leonora Manaois, Connie Carnes

**Readers:** Adriana Echeverri, Richard Swakla

**Hospitality:** Joe Shirley, Bill McMaster

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Zoe Barthelemy, Carter Robinson, Natalie Hawkins

**EMCs:** Ana Larkin, Greg van Praag

**Readers:** Patrick Larkin, Gabriela Larkin

**Hospitality:** Mike Proud, Billy McHenry

## ***Donut Ministry:***

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

Rich Stipanovic, Alissa Carlson, Kimber Zappia, Deborah Eagon

## ***Linens:***

### **Sunday, May 11, 2025**

Jeanmarie Panzica



The collection from 04-20-2025 was \$29,757.42.

The collection from 04-27-2025 was \$20,051.40.

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

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

The tithe for *QOA Easter Week* from 04-20-2025 was \$1,487.00.

The tithe for *Wheels of Blessings* from 04-27-2025 was \$1,002.00.

The tithe for this week is for *Catherine's House* which provides a safe haven for women and children in need of housing, counseling and other support to restart their lives.

## **Pastoral Staff**

### **PASTOR**

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Please call the church office

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### **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

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### **PARISH OFFICE:**

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Fridays.

Office #: 704-825-9600





## 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](http://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.**

## *Our Faith Community Rejoices with:*

### **Newly Baptized**

Kian Abernathy  
Cade Abernathy  
Bonnie Carlson  
Chloe Carlson  
Clinton Hubbard  
Michael Lopez  
Ian Melendez  
Laythan Prieto Castro  
Julian Santacoloma

### **Received into Full Communion**

Susan Colone  
Kevin Conn  
Kathryn McMurry  
Udoka Obiechefu  
Julia Wiggins

## 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.

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Third Sunday of Easter  
**Monday:** Easter Weekday  
**Tuesday:** Easter Weekday  
**Wednesday:** Easter Weekday  
**Thursday:** Easter Weekday  
**Friday:** Easter Weekday  
**Saturday:** Saint John of Avila, Saint Damien de Veuster

## 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 **May 5 in English.***

## 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](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org). You may also leave a message with the church office.



## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday** Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday** Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday** Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

## 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.



## Blood Drive Saturday, May 10

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor our next parish blood drive on **Saturday, May 10** in the parish MAK Center, from 9am-2pm. Please plan to donate to help address the shortage of blood in our area. Sign up by going to the One-Blood website: [https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1578988](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1578988) or click on the QR Code:



## **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.

## **First Monday—Monday, May 5, 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 5** 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, May 6, 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, May 6, 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.

## **Just for Ladies—Thursday, May 8, 7:00pm**

Just for Ladies Bible Study will next meet on **Thursday, May 8** in the Parlor of the Gathering Space from 7-8:30pm! **Please note the change in meeting space.** 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.

## **Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, May 10, 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 **May 10!** 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 Rich Dudley at [richardadudley@yahoo.com](mailto:richardadudley@yahoo.com).

## **Widows: Side by Side—Will meet Monday, May 12, 1:00pm**

Side by Side Widow's Group will be at 1:00pm on **Monday, May 12** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at [pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org) with any questions.

## **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](mailto:qoa.soc@yahoo.com).

**MOMS Group**  
**Monday, May 5**  
**Special Program**  
**under the**  
**Pavilion**  
**9:30-11am**



Ministry of Mothers  
Sharing will be gathering for their last meet of the program year. Only the morning group will meet on **Monday, May 5** under the Pavilion in front of the Church from 9:30am-11:00am. We will have a picnic gathering under the Pavilion—bring your chairs! A special program is planned! We will have the Belmont Fire Department visit us for this gathering! For more information, please contact Cris Forero at [cforero\\_perez@hotmail.com](mailto:cforero_perez@hotmail.com).

## **The Children of Mary Religion Camp**

The Children of Mary Religion Camp is a week-long summer camp for children who have completed grades 1-6. We are distinctly Catholic, and we are listed in the Official Catholic Directory® as an affiliated organization within the Diocese of Charleston. Our mission is to build Catholic community among young children in the Carolinas, with a particular focus on Catholic children from rural parishes. Fr. Sandy McDonald from St. John Neumann parish in Columbia serves as our Episcopal Moderator. We also have long-standing ties with the Rock Hill Oratory, as the camp was founded by Fr. William Pentis, C.O.



# faithformation

## YOUTH MINISTRIES—

### Next meeting May 4

The next meeting for Youth will be on **Sunday, May 4**. 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

### Meeting next on May 4 for the May Crowning

As we conclude our program year, we will have a May Crowning. The last meeting for the program year will be on **Sunday, May 4** for the May Crowning. All grade levels will gather in the Church at 10:25am. **We ask that all children bring a flower from home.**

## SUNDAYS—

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Meeting next on May 4

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.

## FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

Please keep the children preparing for their First Eucharist in your prayers. The First Eucharist Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday, May 17 at 10am**.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS—ONLY A FEW SPOTS REMAIN!

Registration is now open for our High School and Middle School summer trips! Go to our website to register today! For more information, please contact Anthony at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

YOUTH SOCIAL  
MAY 4TH

# Cinco De Mayo at the Cantina

It just so happens that Sunday is Star Wars day, so we will be having an end of the year party to celebrate Cinco De Mayo and Star Wars.

ISING 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS ARE WELCOME  
TO JOIN US!

# May Crowning, May 4<sup>th</sup>

PLEASE BRING A FLOWER (PER STUDENT) TO BE PLACED BEFORE OUR MARY STATUE. ALL GRADE LEVELS WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH BY 10:20 A.M. YOU WILL NOT GO TO YOUR REGULAR CLASSROOMS ON MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.



## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26



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

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



# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## REFLEXION:

En este III Domingo de Pascua, seguimos felices disfrutando de la Resurrección de Jesús con amor y misericordia. San Juan nos narra en su evangelio la tercera aparición de Jesús a sus discípulos después de resucitar de entre los muertos. Su Pasión invadió a la tierra de confusión, pero Jesús resucita y con El, la luz. Viene a la orilla del mar, y los encontró faltos de fe, estaban Pedro que lo negó, Tomás que dudó y Juan el discípulo amado, les habla como a niños asustados, porque ellos no creían que hubiera resucitado en su cuerpo y tenían que verlo sometido a las necesidades de la vida. Es ese mismo mar donde conquistó el corazón de Pedro, Andrés, Santiago y Juan; les preparó una comida con pescado y pan, pero este evento es totalmente diferente: aquí hay tristeza, melancolía y niebla; una niebla que les impide reconocer que es el Señor. Sólo Juan, en ese llamado del amor, lo reconoce. Y después de comer, Jesús pregunta a Pedro por su amor. Las tres interpelaciones a Pedro sobre su amor recuerdan las tres negaciones de la Pasión; pero sus negaciones, sus miserias, su debilidad, no impiden que pueda ser escogido como el guía, escogido para pastorear su rebaño. No es el discípulo perfecto, pero su amor al Señor ha curado su pasado. Juan nos narra en su evangelio que todo se cura con el amor y es así como se vive la experiencia de la Resurrección del Señor, porque en sus apariciones Jesús se hace presente pidiendo amor y dando amor. El mira siempre con amor. Nos pide algo y nos da una misión. Amar es ante todo una experiencia profunda de relación entre personas, donde existe una mezcla de sentimientos y valores como alegría, tristeza, sufrimiento, crecimiento, renuncia, entrega, realización, donación, compromiso, vida, muerte, etc. **Si después de todo este camino que hemos hecho nos preguntara Jesús: "¿Me amas más que los demás que trabajan contigo, o más que tus hermanos, o más que tu propia vida?" ¿Cuál sería tu respuesta? ¿Podrías decir que tu amor a Jesús es notorio en la comunidad y entre los miembros de tu casa?**

P. José Antonio Juya V.

## COMPARTIR DE PAREJAS

El próximo viernes 16 de mayo será nuestro próximo compartir de parejas para seguir aprendiendo y creciendo juntos. Bienvenidas todas las parejas, los esperamos.

## 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.