

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

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 5, 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, October 4, 2025

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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:15am Gene & Anna Sule +
11:15am Gloria Buchanan +

Monday, October 6, 2025

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

5:30pm Communion Service

Thursday, October 9, 2025

9:00am Communion Service
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, October 10, 2025

7:30am-8:30am No Reconciliation
9:00am Communion Service

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, October 11, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Adam D'Souza, Natalia Gomez, Jack Koury

EMCs: Joan Lynn, Sharon Thrumbel

Readers: Patty Topper, Scott Muenger

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Larry Capps

Saturday, October 11, 2025-7:00pm

Eucaristia: Patricia Hernandez, Alba Sepulveda

Lectores: Olger Romero, Blanca Delgado

Sunday, October 12, 2025-9:15am

Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Ryan Jurik, Molly Jurik, Jonah St. Romain

EMCs: Mary Hooper, Sandy Endicott

Readers: Tom Katsuleris, Christine Jurik

Hospitality: Rick Hooper

Sunday, October 12, 2025-11:15am

Altar Servers: Savannah Butler, Natalie Hawkins, Gabrielle Miller, Brooke Murphy

EMCs: Lorraine Long, Jennifer Church

Readers: Jerome Butler, Christelle Angelica Corpin

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Billy McHenry

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Bronwen St. Romain, Rich Stipanovic

Linens:

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Gail Bruno



The collection from 09-28-2025 was \$18,691.31.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for CRO from 9-28-2025 was \$934.00.

The tithe for this week is for the BCO which provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community.

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From the Pastor's Desk

On the first Sunday of October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates "**Respect Life Sunday.**" This observance began in 1972, when the bishops of our country sought to reaffirm the Church's perennial defense of innocent life in the face of legalized abortion. Over the years, its scope has broadened to embrace the safeguarding of the dignity of all human life, "from conception to natural death." To span the whole of human existence is to remember that our lives are in the hands of God:

"See now that I, I alone, am he, and there is no god besides me. It is I who bring both death and life, I who inflict wounds and heal them, and from my hand no one can deliver" (Deut 32:39).

It is not ours to take that role from God. For this reason, Saint John Paul II reminded us: "*The direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral*" (*Evangelium Vitae*, 57).

But "respecting life" cannot be limited to the extremes of birth and death. Over the years of my priesthood, people have sometimes said to me, "Well, at least I didn't kill anyone!" when speaking about the state of their souls. While I am always relieved to hear that, surely we are called to a higher standard. Respecting life means more than refraining from taking it. It means reverencing every human being — in speech, in thought, in attitude, and in action.

We live in a time when political violence and rhetoric are on the rise. Words, too, must respect life. What we say, what we post, what we "like" or share online can contribute either to healing or to harm. Stirred-up passions quickly run out of control; it is all too easy to wound with our words. The Christian response must be the one given to us by the Savior himself: "*Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you*" (Matt 5:44). To rejoice in the harm, humiliation, or death of another human being — any human being — is entirely opposed to the Gospel and must never be done by Christians.

Before we speak, before we post, before we share, we do well to ask: **Does this respect the dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death?** In fact, these are excellent questions for an examination of conscience:

- Do I respect others, even when they disagree with me?
- Do I represent my Christian faith well by how I speak and act?
- Do I remember that Christ is encountered in "the least of these" (Matt 25:40)?
- Am I truly living as an "ambassador for Christ" (2 Cor 5:20)?

Respect Life Sunday — and the whole month of October — invites us to reflect deeply on these questions. Our respect for life is shown not only in what we oppose, but in how we love.

On a lighter note, the priests of the Diocese of Charlotte will be gathering this week for retreat at Lake Junaluska, from Sunday afternoon through Friday morning. Please know that we will be praying for all of you while we are away!

— Fr. Paul

GAZA RELIEF

Second Collection, October 4-5

Our second collection today will support the families in Gaza who are enduring catastrophic conditions as hostilities escalate and basic necessities for survival vanish. More than 2 million people are now crammed into an area smaller than 17 square miles. In response, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has asked us to take up a this collection to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA).

Checks can be made payable to the parish and marked "Gaza Relief." You may also make a donation through our online giving platform. Be sure to select "Gaza Relief" before submitting your gift. Thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you for your kindness.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Life Chain October 5, 2-3pm

On Sunday October 5th (Respect Life Sunday) Queen of the Apostles Church will host the annual Life Chain. For over 37-years, pro-life Christians across the United States and Canada have publicly, prayerfully, and peacefully stood in prayer in over 2,000 cities. Please consider giving an hour for our annual Life Chain on Main Street in front of the Church. We will stand in silent vigil with posters promoting our pro-life beliefs and witnessing to passerby's. Bring a chair if you have trouble standing for the hour and an umbrella for rain or sun. Water and posters will be provided. Plan to arrive at 1:45 to participate from 2-3 PM. Contact Joe O'Brien 704-293-3981 with questions. Other life-chain locations include Belmont Abby College, and St. Michael's Catholic Church in Gastonia.



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday: Saint John Leonardi

Thursday: Saint Denis and Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi

Friday: Saint Francis Borgia

Saturday: Saint John XXIII

Sick and Homebound

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

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 from our website on our livestreaming channel.

*The next Rosary Recitation will be on **October 6 in English, October 13 in Tagalog, October 20 in English and October 27 in Creole.***

Readings for the Week

Monday Jon 1:1—2:2, 11 Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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. 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 this weekend were dedicated by:

Kathleen Pedroli in loving memory of Norina and Louis Pedroli

JOB OPPORTUNITY KIDZONE MINISTRY

If you are interested in helping out with our KidZone Ministry here at church on Sunday mornings, please submit your letter of interest and resume to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION 2025

We will once again collect new or gently used coats and winter apparel for those who are without. The collection will include coats, hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children of all ages—babies through teenagers. We will collect items on the following weekends: **October 18/19, October 25/26 and November 1/2.**

Look for bins in the Gathering Space, the MAK Family Life Center and Katharine Drexel Hall. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. John the Baptist said in Luke 3:11, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."



Food Collection—Collection will be October 25-26

October's food collection will be taken to fill the holiday food baskets we provide to about 100 families in December. Items needed include canned corn, peas and green beans, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, pasta/spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, stuffing, mac and cheese. We also take donations of turkeys to include with baskets. Please drop turkey off during office hours. Non-perishable items can be brought to the baskets on the altar the weekend of October 25-26. Envelopes for monetary donations will be available in the November on the Angel Tree. Thanks for our generosity!

First Monday—Monday, October 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, October 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) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

Just for Men—Monday, October 6 following the 7pm Rosary

Our study on the Book of Revelation will continue **Monday, October 6**. Read Revelation. Chapter 16, "The Seven Bowls" and review pages 94 to 96 of the study guide. For information, text Deacon Chip at 704-488-5822 or email deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org

Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, October 7, 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, October 7, 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, October 9, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, October 9** 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. If you do not like to drive at night, a ride can be arranged for pickup. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

School of Community —Sunday, October 12, 2:00pm-3:30pm

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, October 12** 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.

Widows: Side by Side— Will meet next on Tuesday, October 14, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Tuesday, October 14** in the Conference Room. We are meeting on Tuesday due to the observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 13. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

Catholic Grandparents Meeting

Saturday, October 18, 9am Mass, 10am-12pm Meeting

St. Philip the Apostles, 525 Camden Drive, Statesville, NC

Topic of Discussion: A Grandparents' Special Vocation

Register Now! Preregistration is required by October 16.

Register with your name and number attending: cgakac24@gmail.com

MOMS Group

Monday, October 13, 9:00am-11:00am

Ministry of Mothers Sharing is resuming for the program year with a morning session from 9:00am-11:00am. This group will meet on the second Monday of the month.

Moms, be sure to join us for a time of fellowship and faith discussion!

KidZone will be available and open for the children during the morning session time.

For more information, please contact Jen Miller at jenmiller0813@gmail.com.

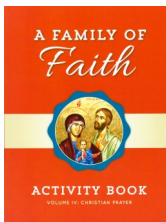


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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

**Next Meeting October 5
10:30am-11:00am**

The Family of Faith Program has begun! 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!** The program is currently running so if you haven't registered, please do so now as the deadline to register is quickly approaching. The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Meeting spaces will be: **K-1st Grades in the Library; 2nd-4th Grades in the MAK Family Life Center; 5th-6th Grades in St. Katharine Drexel Hall; and 7th-8th Grades in St. Benedict Education Center.** Connect to our Flocknote Group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**.

If you need more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org. Click the QR code to register.



YOUTH MINISTRIES— MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! Next Meeting October 5 5:00pm-7:30pm, MAK Center

Join us this **Sunday, October 5** from 5-7:30pm 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!



CROWDERS CAMP

**COST:
\$165**

10 - 12 OCTOBER

REGISTRATION IS OUT NOW!

HIGH SCHOOL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—

**Next meeting October 5
10:30am-11:00am, Conference Room**

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class will resume once again this year! This class will operate on the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us on Sunday mornings, starting September 14 with Dr. Rovati in the Conference Room from 10:30am-11:00am!

Queen of the Apostles & Belmont Abbey College

TRUNK OR TREAT

2:00 to 4:00pm

**At Belmont
Abbey**

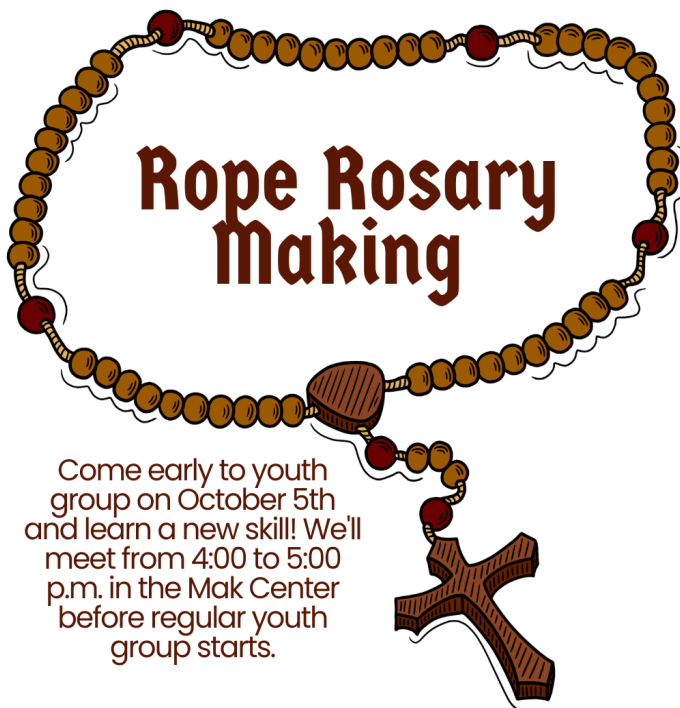
**Sunday,
October 26th**

**Beware of the Candy
Monsters in the church!
Bring candy to feed
them... or else! 🍬👹**



Rope Rosary Making

Come early to youth group on October 5th and learn a new skill! We'll meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Mak Center before regular youth group starts.



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

El primer domingo de octubre, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos celebra el **"Domingo Respetemos la Vida."** Esta conmemoración comenzó en 1972, cuando los obispos de nuestro país reafirmaron la defensa perenne de la vida inocente frente a la legalización del aborto. Con el tiempo, su alcance se ha ampliado para abarcar la defensa de la dignidad de toda vida humana, "desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural." Al contemplar todo el arco de la existencia humana, recordamos que nuestras vidas están en las manos de Dios:

«Reconozcan que yo soy, yo solo, y que no hay otro dios fuera de mí. Yo doy la muerte y doy la vida; yo hiero y yo sano, y no hay quien libre de mi mano» (Dt 32,39).

Ese papel no nos pertenece a nosotros. Por esta razón, San Juan Pablo II nos recordó: *«La eliminación directa y voluntaria de un ser humano inocente es siempre gravemente inmoral» (Evangelium Vitae, 57).*

Pero "respetar la vida" no puede limitarse únicamente a los extremos de la existencia. A lo largo de mis años de sacerdocio, algunas personas me han dicho: "¡Bueno, por lo menos no he matado a nadie!" cuando hablaban de su conciencia. Aunque siempre me alegra oír eso, ciertamente estamos llamados a un estándar mucho más alto. Respetar la vida significa más que no quitarla: significa honrar a cada ser humano —con nuestras palabras, pensamientos, actitudes y acciones.

Vivimos en una época en que la violencia política y la retórica agresiva están en aumento. Nuestras palabras también deben respetar la vida. Lo que decimos, lo que publicamos, lo que "damos me gusta" o compartimos en las redes puede contribuir al bien o al mal. Cuando nuestras pasiones se encienden, fácilmente se nos escapa el control; y con la lengua se pueden causar heridas profundas. La respuesta cristiana debe ser la del mismo Salvador: *«Amen a sus enemigos y oren por los que los persiguen» (Mt 5,44).* Alegrarse del daño, la humillación o la muerte de otro ser humano —de cualquier ser humano— es totalmente contrario al Evangelio y nunca debe hacerse por un cristiano.

Antes de hablar, antes de publicar, antes de compartir, conviene preguntarnos: **¿Esto respeta la dignidad de toda vida humana, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural?** De hecho, son preguntas excelentes para un examen de conciencia:

- ¿Respeto a los demás, incluso cuando no están de acuerdo conmigo?
- ¿Represento bien mi fe cristiana con lo que digo y hago?
- ¿Recuerdo que Cristo se encuentra en "los más pequeños" (cf. Mt 25,40)?
- ¿Vivo verdaderamente como un "embajador de Cristo" (cf. 2 Cor 5,20)?

El Domingo Respetemos la Vida —y todo el mes de octubre— nos invita a reflexionar en serio sobre estas preguntas. Nuestro respeto por la vida se manifiesta no solo en lo que rechazamos, sino sobre todo en cómo amamos.

En una nota más alegre, los sacerdotes de la Diócesis de Charlotte nos reuniremos esta semana para nuestro retiro anual en Lake Junaluska, desde la tarde del domingo hasta la mañana del viernes. ¡Sepan que estaremos orando por todos ustedes mientras estemos fuera!

— P. Paul

¿NECESITA INFORMACIÓN O ASISTENCIA?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 108. Horas de oficina son los martes y miércoles de 9:30 a 4:30. Adema puede programar una cita si necesita hablar con alguien en horas después de horas de oficina.

REUNION DE COMITÉ

viernes 10 de octubre 7:00 pm, edificio San Benedicto. Por favor es importante la presencia y el aporte de cada uno de los líderes de ministerios que hacen parte del Comité Pastoral, para el desarrollo de las actividades que vamos a realizar en lo restante del año, Contamos con su presencia, los esperamos.

COMPARTIR DE PAREJAS

viernes 17 de octubre 7:00 pm, edificio San Benedicto. Los invitamos en pareja o si no están casados, también. Vengan y aprendamos juntos de nuestra fe en familia y cómo ponemos nuestros dones al servicio del prójimo. Por favor, si pueden, traigan algo para compartir. Los esperamos.