

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



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 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, January 4, 2025

9:00am Mass
3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, January 5, 2025—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Frank Barbara +
11:15am Dianne Morris +

Monday, January 6, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Jay Petruska +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

No Mass

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

5:30pm Mass

Thursday, January 9, 2025

9:00am Mass
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, January 10, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Mass

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, January 11, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez
EMCs: Mary Kane, Al Hess
Readers: Patty Topper, Alison Nolting
Hospitality: Peter Liberatore, Todd Morgan

Sunday, January 12, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik, Damien MacAlester, Caroline Thompson
EMCs: Renee Hinson, Lisa Owens
Readers: Richard Swakla, Theresa Wilson
Hospitality: Bill Patz, Suzanne Patz

Sunday, January 12, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Zoe Barthelemy, Gabrielle Miller, Carter Robinson
EMCs: Roger Duncan, Sharon Thrumbel
Readers: Ana Larkin, Patrick Larkin
Hospitality: Mary McGuinness, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Rei Neidermeier, Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Brian Litfin, Rich Stipanovic



The collection from 12-15-2024 was \$38,761.03.
The collection from 12-22-2024 and 12-29-2024
will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for *Step Up for Family Safety* from 12-15-2025 was \$1,938.00. The tithe for *Safe Alliance* and for *The Shelter of Gaston County* will be available in the next bulletin. The tithe for this week is for the *Boys & Girls Clubs of Great Gaston* which provides an opportunity to assist needy children in the after care programs with food that is not available in the family home.

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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>



STILL TIME TO DONATE...

We are still short of our goals for both the 2024 DSA and Priests' Retirement & Benefits assessments. These shortfalls will be paid from our parish savings. Any amount toward these would be greatly appreciate. Please designate in the memo line where your donation should be credited or select the dropdown account on the online giving platform.



SPECIAL COLLECTION: ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

We have been asked by the Diocese to help one of the Catholic Churches in Western North Carolina that was affected by Hurricane Helene. Once a month, over the next 6 months, we will take a collection for our Sister Parish, St. Joan of Arc, in Candler, NC.

Thank you for your continued generosity. In December, we were able to collect and send \$5,663.00 to St. Joan of Arc Church. The next collection date will be **January 4/5**.

You may also make a secure donation through our online giving platform. Just click the QR code to contribute online. Be sure to select St. Joan of Arc Church in the dropdown.



Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: Saint Andre Bessette

Tuesday: Saint Raymond of Pennafort

Wednesday: Saint Thorfinn

Thursday: Saint Adrian

Friday: Saint William of Bourges

Saturday: Saint Theodosius the Cenobiarch

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

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 5 in English.

Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

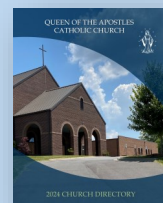
Friday 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Church Directory— Available for pickup!

If you participated in this year's church directory, please contact the church office during office hours, Monday—Thursday, 8:30am—4:30pm to pick up your copy or to request an additional copy.



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.

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.

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.

First Monday—Monday, January 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, January 6** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Email Laura Liska at lollielive@gmail.com for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

Just for Men—Will meet on Monday, January 6 following the Recitation of the Rosary

All men are welcome. The meeting takes place following the Rosary. Our study will be ending the Gospel of John with focus on the Resurrection. For details or a copy of the study guide, email Deacon Chip Wilson deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org

Just for Ladies—Will next meet on January 9 at 7:00pm

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

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—will not meet in December, next meet, January 11

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 **January 11** in the MAK Center! 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.

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.

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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:



faithformation

YOUTH MINISTRIES—Meetings this month—January 5, 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 5, 12 & 19

Family Faith Formation will meet on **January 5**. 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 5**.

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

La lectura del Evangelio según San Mateo nos presenta una historia de búsqueda y revelación. Los magos, guiados por una estrella, buscan al Rey de los judíos. Esta búsqueda simboliza nuestro propio viaje espiritual, donde la fe nos guía hacia la verdad y la luz en un mundo a menudo oscurecido por la confusión y el desaliento. La estrella que guía a los magos es un símbolo poderoso en nuestra vida diaria. En nuestra comunidad parroquial y en los movimientos apostólicos, somos llamados a ser como esa estrella, guiando a otros hacia Jesús. Nuestra vida de oración, nuestro compromiso con la justicia y nuestro amor al prójimo son las luces que brillan en la oscuridad, invitando a otros a seguir el camino de Cristo. El momento en que los magos encuentran a Jesús y lo adoran es un recordatorio de la importancia de reconocer lo sagrado en nuestras vidas. En la parroquia, cada Eucaristía, cada acto de servicio y cada momento de comunión es una oportunidad para encontrar a Cristo. Al igual que los magos, debemos estar dispuestos a adorar y ofrecer nuestros dones más preciados: nuestro tiempo, nuestro amor y nuestro servicio. La reacción de Herodes al nacimiento de Jesús muestra un contraste marcado. Mientras los magos buscan adorar, Herodes siente temor y amenaza. En nuestro trabajo en la parroquia y en los movimientos apostólicos, enfrentamos a menudo resistencias y desafíos. Sin embargo, nuestra respuesta no debe ser de miedo, sino de confianza en Dios y compromiso con la misión de la Iglesia. Finalmente, los magos regresan a su tierra por otro camino, habiendo sido advertidos en sueños. Este detalle nos habla de la transformación que ocurre cuando encontramos a Cristo. Nuestra vida ya no puede ser la misma; somos llamados a recorrer nuevos caminos, a vivir de manera diferente, más consciente y más comprometida con los valores del Evangelio. La historia de los magos en el Evangelio de Mateo es un relato rico en simbolismo y significado. Nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestra propia búsqueda de Dios, sobre cómo guiamos a otros hacia Él, y sobre cómo respondemos a los encuentros sagrados en nuestra vida. En nuestra parroquia y en nuestros movimientos apostólicos, esta historia nos anima a ser estrellas guía, a adorar con corazón sincero y a caminar por nuevos senderos iluminados por la fe y el amor de Cristo.

Que Dios les Bendiga.

P. José Antonio Juya V.



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 5 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.

¿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.

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.