



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apóstoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Católica de Belmont

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All public services will be limited in number and continue to be livestreamed for the foreseeable future in accordance with government and diocesan directives



May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

Weekday Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am
Now in the main church

Weekend Eucharist Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español)
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00 am

Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am & Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

Holy Day Celebrations: 12:15pm and 7:15 pm

Misa en Español: Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated in the community at any one of the weekend Masses. Parents must complete the preparation program (offered every other month). Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

Marriage: This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

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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.



Pentecost SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

Collections

Collection 05-16-2021: \$13,080.88

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Masses This Week

Saturday, May 22, 2021

5:00pm For the People

7:00pm Misa en espanol

LiveStream Encouraged

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:15am Judy Winterson Bain +

LiveStream Encouraged

11:00am Hall Leon Rhyne, Jr. +

LiveStream Encouraged

Monday, May 24, 2021

9:00am Ducky Hufstetler—health

7:00pm Rosary Recitation in Spanish

LiveStream Only

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

9:00am Herbert Schwartz +

Thursday, May 27, 2021

No Service

Friday, May 28, 2021

9:00am Carolyn Jones—health

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:

Marilyn Warmington

IN LVONG MEMORY OF:

Florentine Bley and Regina Musialowski

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$654.00 to the Catherine's House. This week our tithe goes to On Eagle's Wings which works to prevent children from falling victim to sex trafficking, offer assistance to those still trapped and restore those who have survived by offering hope, empowerment and a brighter future.

St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel
Open Monday-Friday for Private Prayer
From 8:30am to 4:15pm
Daily Mass will now be said in Church.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, May 29, 2021—5:00pm

Reader: Patty Topper

EMCs: Joan Lynn, Sharon Thrumbel

Cross Bearer: Nicholas D'Avria

Sunday, May 30, 2021—9:15am Mass

Reader: Rita Paluszak

EMCs: Richard Swakla, Joshua Vause

Cross Bearer: Claudia Paluszak

Hospitality Ministers: Pat Godfrey, Cathy Pullen

Sanitizing Crew: Brad & Jayne Clark, John Fink

Sunday, May 30, 2021—11:00am Mass

Reader: Lynda Woods

EMCs: Sue Dolphin, Therese Metivier

Hospitality Ministers: Conner & Ryan Proud

Cross Bearer: John Calabro



LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.

Hospitality Ministers Needed

As we try to return to more normal celebrations, we need additional Hospitality Ministers for our weekend Masses. If you think you might be called to this ministry, please contact Chrissy Glisson at music@queenoftheapostles.org or 704-825-9600 ext 28.

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

As we pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on this Pentecost Sunday, I invite you to come back to Mass in person, if your health permits you to do so.

With the lifting of the mask mandate in our state, the dispensation from Mass attendance has also been narrowed. In general, most people are now encouraged to return to Mass. However, many people will still be encouraged to attend online. The Diocese of Charlotte has issued these guidelines:

"People who are ill or vulnerable to infection are still encouraged to stay at home and attend Mass virtually, on TV or online. If you live in the diocese (or are visiting within the diocese), you are not required to attend Mass on Sundays or holy days of obligation if:

- You are ill or your health would be significantly compromised if you were to contract a communicable illness (i.e., you have underlying conditions or are in a high-risk category).
- You exhibit flu-like symptoms.
- You have good reason to think you might be asymptomatic of a contagious illness (such as being in recent contact with someone who tested positive for a contagious illness such as COVID-19 or influenza).
- You care for the sick, homebound or infirm.
- You are pregnant or caring for small children.
- You are 65 years of age or older (per the CDC's recommendation of high-risk individuals).
- You cannot attend Mass through no fault of your own (such as no Mass is offered, you are infirm, or you are prevented for some reason you cannot control). "

Queen of the Apostles will continue to livestream the celebration of Mass. More information about the revitalization of our ministries and life as a parish family will follow in the coming weeks.

I hope to see you back on campus soon, if your health status allows you to join us in person! I'm looking forward to meeting you. We continue to be united in prayer and hope that the Holy Spirit will inspire our hearts to make us always more faithful witnesses to the love of God.

Fr. Paul



A Home for All:

History of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church By Jack H. Morris

A hardbound edition of parishioner Jack Morris's history of our parish and the area Catholic community is available for purchase through the church office. The office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30. The cost for this beautiful edition is \$30. (Please add \$12 for shipping if your book needs to be mailed.) Please provide exact cash amount, a check or money order for in person purchases. Electronic payments may be made through online giving at www.queenoftheapostles.org. Prepaid sales only may be picked at weekend Masses. No sales will take place at church.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12;
Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23;
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17;
Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9;
Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13;
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20;
Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40;
Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22;
Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Sick and Homebound

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

Patrick Bragg (Ivy Nursing Center, Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler, Jay Petruska

May Food Collection

BREAD will be our recipient of this month's collection. They are in need of potato flakes, canned corn and beans, mac and cheese, canned protein and cereal. Bring your donations to the church parking lot the weekend of **May 29-30**. The Knights of Columbus volunteers will be there to accept your food items. Thank you for your continued support. Thanks to all who donated in April for the food drive benefiting the Diocesan Food Bank. Over 800 lbs. of pantry items were delivered as a result of your generosity.

Rosary for Priests

On Tuesday mornings following daily Mass, the Rosary for Priests is recited in the Drexel Chapel. Please join us!

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 join the prayer ministry and do not have access to a computer but have VOICE MAIL, please contact the church office. You will be called with the daily prayer requests.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church;
Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Bede the Venerable;
St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdelene de'Pazzi

Wednesday: St. Philip Neri

Thursday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Saturday: St. Paul VI;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithing partner will be sent to Mira Via which has developed a special ministry supporting expecting mothers who are college students and their newborn children. Up to eight mothers and their children reside at their facilities on the campus of Belmont Abbey. This support helps these women finish their degrees and become more independent. Mira Via provides housing, meals, child care and life skills support. Volunteers can help with meal preparation, child care, advising the mothers in important life skills and bringing them a community connection. To learn more, go to <http://www.mira-via.org/>.

Stewardship

Stewardship of time, talent and treasure faces certain obstacles: greed, selfishness, irresponsibility and lack of trust.

Online Centering Prayer

The Belmont Centering Prayer group meets online on Mondays at noon for approximately 30 minutes. Centering Prayer is a form of Christian meditation that emphasizes interior silence. For more information or to join the online meetings, please contact Peggy Geiger at dokgee16@gmail.com or 704-517-0192

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND
IN THE BASKET IN THE CHURCH
GATHERING SPACE**

Help Pay Down the Mortgage

Please consider helping to pay down the mortgage with either a one-time or recurring donation. You can do this either online (select "Building Fund") or by writing a check (write "Building Fund" in the memo line).

Rosary Makers

Need a rosary repaired? Simply put your broken rosary parts in an envelope with your name and phone number and drop at the church office. We also teach how to make twine rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. We meet from 10:30am-12:30pm one Saturday a month. We will meet again on Saturday, **June 12**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Marilyn Warmington at 704-827-0823.

You can help us
during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Plus, sign up is easy.

How eGiving benefits you and our church:

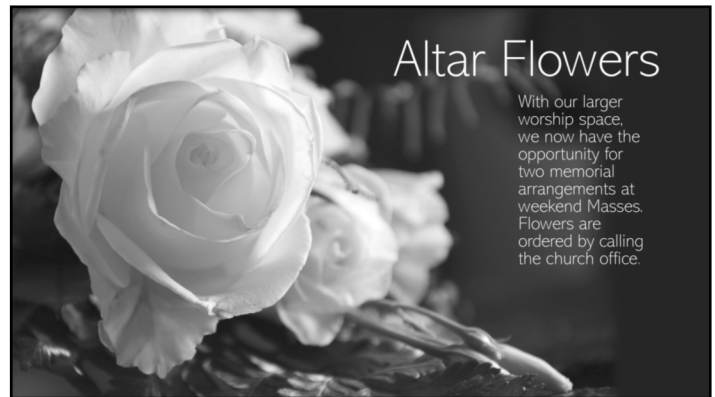
- Consistency: Your support will allow us to continue our important ministries and continue to help the community.
- Convenience: Support the parish from the comfort and safety of your home with a smartphone or computer.
- Cost-Effective: Reduces our printing and mailing costs, so we can use that saved money to further our ministries in the community. Plus, it's better for the environment!

Make a Donation or
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Looking for Volunteers to Help Sanitize the Church

Following every Mass, our church needs to be sanitized by wiping down the pews and anything else that may have been touched during services. If you're interested in helping, please contact Chrissy at music@queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600, ext. 28.



Altar Flowers

With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two memorial arrangements at weekend Masses. Flowers are ordered by calling the church office.

Weekly Rosary Recitation

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly rotating through in different languages. *Recitation will be LiveStream only!* You can connect by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the icon. The rosary will be recited on **May 24** in Spanish and **May 31** in English.

Bottles for Babies

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Bottles for Babies fundraiser to raise money for the Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gastonia to purchase an ultrasound machine. Plastic baby bottles will be available at Masses beginning May 16 or in the church office. Take a bottle, fill it with loose change and return it Father's Day weekend, June 19-20 when the Knights will collect them.

Fundraiser Committee Meeting

Our 1st Annual Church Fundraiser Auction Event will be held on Saturday, **February 26, 2022**. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee, please come to one of two information sessions on Tuesday, **June 22** in Drexel Hall (the old church). The morning session will be at 10:00am; the evening session will be at 6:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Gardner at 704-813-8534 or Stacey Phillips at 704-608-3403.

Inquiry Session

Are you interested in discovering the Catholic Faith? Come to our Inquiry Session in Katharine Drexel Hall on Sunday, **June 6** at 2:00pm. Our RCIA Team would love to meet with you and discuss your journey. For more information, call Sally Williams at 704-616-0058.

Father Hoover's 45th Anniversary of Ordination

Father John Hoover will celebrate his 45th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood at the New Creation Monastery on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23** at 4:00pm. The Monastery is located at 221 Rock Ridge Lane, Mount Holly in the Riverfront area near Tailrace Marina. Please bring a folding chair and a small picnic to share.

May 23, 2021



TRUE REFORMERS: EPISODE 3 ST. PHILIP NERI

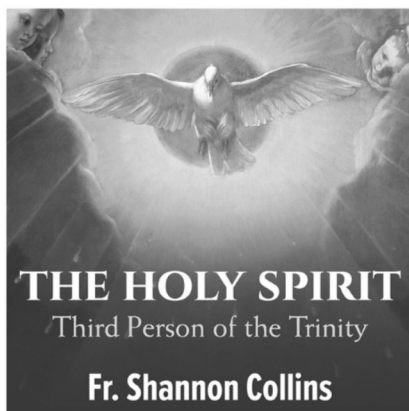
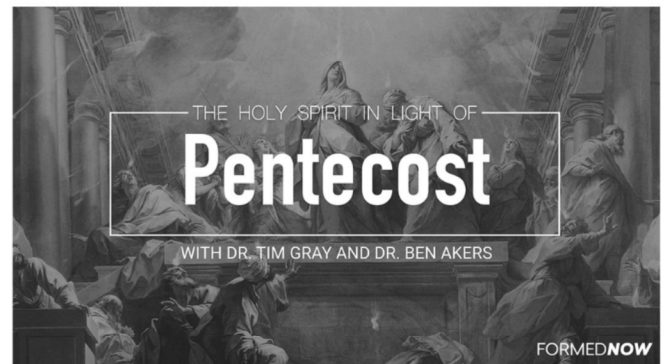
This week we celebrate St. Philip Neri, the Apostle of Rome. To a Rome ravaged by war and wearied by the decadence of the Renaissance popes, St. Philip Neri came as an unlikely reformer. Mystic, hermit, prankster, and effortless leader of men, Neri had a great sense of humor and an even greater heart.

WATCH

LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN LIGHT OF PENTECOST

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.

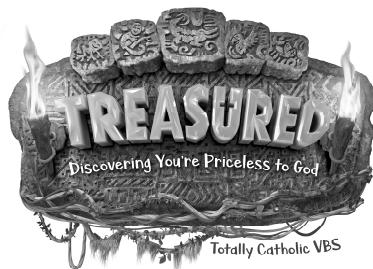


THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY BY FR. SHANNON

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers and how this "sweet guest of our soul" seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

LISTEN

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be available virtually the week of **Sunday, June 27—Thursday, July 1**. This program will be virtual with take-home VBS fun packs to go along with the videos. Join us this year for **Treasured - Discovering You're Priceless to God!** VBS take-home kits will be available for pickup starting Monday, June 21 in the Library of St. Katharine Drexel Hall! Register online by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org/

SUMMER FAITH FORMATION (Grades, Rising 1-5) Registration is in progress and class size will be limited! **You can register online by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org/** Classes will run the weeks of **Sunday, July 11—Thursday, July 15** and **Sunday, July 18—Thursday, July 22** from 6-8pm each evening. Light snacks will be provided. This will be an in-person program on campus following government and diocesan safety directives. For more information, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Children's Faith Formation Program



Our Children's Faith Formation Virtual Program has now concluded. Folders from the last quarter are due back and can be dropped off by Friday, May 21. Please be sure to pick up the prayerful gift for your child. Registration will soon open for the fall Children's Faith Formation program.

Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study meets next in person on Monday, **June 7** in the MAK Family Life Center following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. Contact Roger Duncan at freedomrld05@yahoo.com or (412) 289-9147 if you are interested in joining the group or need more information.



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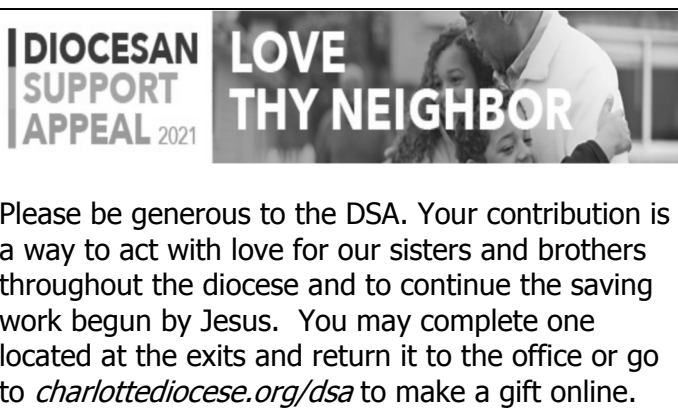
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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and God. In just one short weekend, you can learn a technique for communication that will keep your marriage on the right track to be healthy. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on **August 27-29** in Hickory, NC or **November 5-7** in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early signup is recommended. For more information, visit <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org or 703-315-2144.



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Please be generous to the DSA. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may complete one located at the exits and return it to the office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

Quo Vadis Days—June 14-18

All Catholic young men ages 15-19 are invited to attend the 8th annual *Quo Vadis Days Camp*, spending time with other young men looking at the Lord's call while having fun. *QVD* is led by diocesan priests and seminarians and is supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. The camp is held at Belmont Abbey College and the cost is \$150. Registration deadline is June 9. If you are interested, visit www.charlottediocese.org/vocations/quo-vadis-days or contact Fr. Brian Becker at bjbecker@charlottediocese.org.

Duc In Altum—June 21-25

All Catholic young women ages 15-19 are invited to attend the 5th annual *Duc In Altum Camp*, spending time with other young women looking at the Lord's call while having fun. *DIA* is led by priests and Religious of the diocese and supported by the diocesan Office of Vocations. *Duc In Altum* will be held at Belmont Abbey College and the cost is \$150. If you are interested, visit www.charlottevocations.org or contact Sr. Mary Raphael at 704-370-3402 or mraphael@charlottediocese.org or Lainie Lord at 704-370-3401 or llord@charlottediocese.org.

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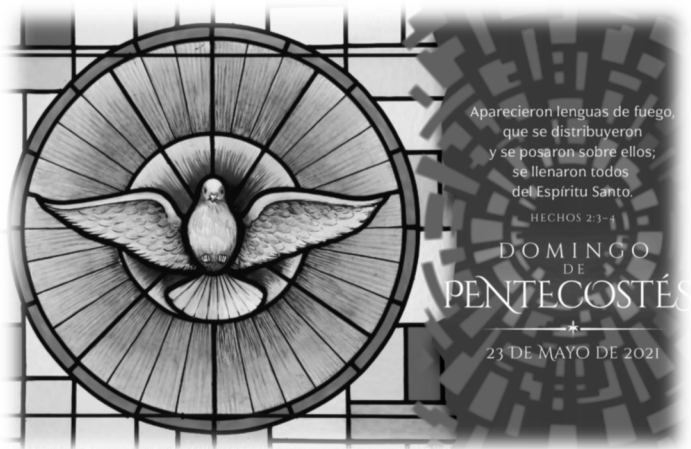


Formación de nuestra fe en español

Recuerden nuestra invitación para seguir creciendo y aprendiendo juntos. Todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm, debido a lo ocurrido con la pandemia nos estamos reuniendo vía zoom. Así que con gusto los esperamos para aprender más de nuestra fe católica.

Colecta de Comida

Nuestra colección de alimentos de mayo será para BREAD Ellos están necesitando hojuelas de papa, maíz enlatado, frijoles, macarrones con queso, proteína y cereales enlatados. Traer tus donaciones a la iglesia en el estacionamiento el fin de semana del 29-30 de mayo. Los Caballeros de Colón estarán recibiendo tus donaciones. Gracias por su continuo apoyo.



Reflexion

DOMINGO DE PENTECOSTES

Envía, Señor, tu Espíritu a renovar la tierra, Aleluya. Es una celebración fundamental para la Iglesia Es el día en el cual se produjo el prodigioso acontecimiento de la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los Apóstoles. Las tres lecturas nos revelan el misterio del Espíritu Santo: el consolador, el Espíritu de la verdad. El Espíritu de la verdad que procede del Padre, regalo de Cristo resucitado a la Iglesia, comenzando justamente con esta fiesta de Pentecostés. En el origen del conocimiento del misterio de esta tercera persona está la revelación explícita hecha por Jesús. Fue en el contexto de la última cena consumada por Jesús y sus discípulos en el Cenáculo, e instituyendo la Eucaristía, hace un extenso discurso y promete, entre otros dones, el regalo del Espíritu Santo. El Espíritu Santo autor de la unidad de la Iglesia. Con el don del Espíritu Santo, que el Padre envió en el nombre de Jesús resucitado, hizo comprender a los pueblos muy diversos el lenguaje nuevo de los Apóstoles y todos estos pueblos reunidos en un solo cuerpo, en un solo pueblo, el nuevo pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia, que Dios ha constituido, como signo e instrumento de la unión íntima con Dios y de la unidad de todo el género humano. La universalidad y la unidad de la Iglesia, esta convocación de pueblos diversos en la única Iglesia, esta maravillosa unidad en la diversidad que se realiza en La Iglesia, es solo obra del Espíritu Santo. Por eso el día de hoy damos gracias a Dios por hacernos partícipes de esta gran familia, la Iglesia, en la cual todos somos parte de esa alegría del Espíritu Santo para llevar el mensaje de salvación a todos los hermanos. Hoy es el cumpleaños de la Iglesia, nuestra Iglesia, razón por la cual tenemos la gran responsabilidad de defender la Iglesia con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo. Así como lo hicieron los apóstoles, dando testimonio de vida, también nosotros seremos buenos hijos de la Iglesia si la defendamos con nuestro testimonio de vida haciendo parte con nuestra participación apostólica en nuestras comunidades. Demos gracias a Dios y ojalá lo hagamos todos los días de nuestra existencia.

Bendiciones. P. José Antonio Juya V.

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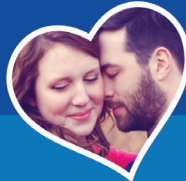
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