

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



My sheep hear my
voice; I know them,
and *they follow me.*

- John 10:27

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 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 10, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Eleanor Seeger +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, May 11, 2025—*Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am For the People
11:15am Patricia Rodite

Monday, May 12, 2025

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

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:30pm James Giermansky +

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00am Margaret Reeves Mayes +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, May 16, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Jay Petruska +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, May 17, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Adam D'Souza

EMCs: Diane Hess, Rich Pasqualone

Readers: Diane Clifton, Patty Topper

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Elizabeth Atterberry

Sunday, May 18, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik, Aidan Oplinger

EMCs: Lisa Owens, Renee Hinson

Readers: Christine Jurik, Elizabeth Sisk

Hospitality: Bill Patz, Suzanne Patz

Sunday, May 18, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Savannah Butler, Gabrielle Miller, Natalie Hawkins

EMCs: Gerry McDonough, Lorraine Long

Readers: Alberto Gonzalez, Jerome Butler

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Mary McGuinness

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Anthony Farinella & Family, Brian Litfin, Pat D. Lynch

Linens:

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Joan Donohue



The collection from 05-04-2025 was \$29,840.38.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for *Catherine's House* was \$1,492.00.

The tithe for this week is for *Fields of Hope*. *Fields of Hope* seeks 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.

Pastoral Staff

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Fridays.

Office #: 704-825-9600

Queen of the Apostles Faith Community rejoices with our Confirmands:

*Gabriella Allen
Isis Baez Sanchez
Cecilee Bell
Meris Cable
Maggie Calabro
Vincent Citro
Naidelyn Cruz
Elizabeth D'Avria
Riley Doran
Yamil Espinosa
Luca Farinella
Liam Farinella
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Jillian Gardner
Ethan Gibson
Valentina Gomez*

*Harrison Graham
Alaina Hamilton
Bella Harte
Henry Lebioda
Parker Lee
Sienna Lopez
Garrison MacAlester
Briseida Maya Florencio
Katerina McNelis
Bianca Morales
Nora Murphy
Vaughn Nguyen
Gracye Prieto Castro
Jeylan Rivera
Landen Rutkowski
Adam St. Romain*

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
- 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.

Happy Mother's Day!



*Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us.*

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: Saints Nereus and Achilleus

Tuesday: Our Lady of Fatima

Wednesday: Saint Matthias

Thursday: Saint Isidore

Friday: Saint Simon Stock

Saturday: St. Paschal Baylon

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 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. The next Rosary Recitation will be on **May 12 in Spanish, May 19 in English, and May 26 in Tagalog.***

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. You may also leave a message with the church office.



Readings for the Week

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17

Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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.



St. Patrick Catholic School Preschool

Is your family still looking for a preschool option for your child turning 4 years old on or before August 31? St. Patrick Catholic School in Dilworth has two pre-kindergarten classes and has a few more openings for the upcoming 2025-26 school year! Use the QR code or link to tour today!
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d78Y77SakUHmC7pRaLYA75VJ1p1vhnWyZUWeLkkPAMe/edit>



Saint Michael
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
BUILD STRONG FAMILIES

Saint Michael Catholic School is proud to offer a strong classical curriculum made stronger by the study of our Faith. We are committed to guiding our students as they grow into young people of faith, intelligence, and strength. Our school was founded in 1942 and provides students in grades PK3 through 8th the opportunity to pursue a robust education empowered by strong faculty-student relationships and a vibrant community life. We are located at 704 St. Michael Lane, Gastonia.

Applications are now open for the 2025 2026 school year. Visit our website, stmcs.org or call 704 865 4382 to:

- Request more information
- Setup a tour
- Apply for the 2025-2026 school year

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.

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 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.

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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Mira Via Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus are holding a **Bottles for Babies** fundraiser for **Mira Via**. Mira Via is a Catholic, 501(c)(3) non-profit maternity and after-care program with services in Belmont and Charlotte. Mira Via has been a safe haven and source of hope for pregnant mothers and their children since 1994. For more information and how to get involved, visit MiraVia.org. There will be baby bottles available at all Masses on **Mother's Day** weekend **May 10-11** and available for pick up at the church office. We are asking you to take a bottle home and fill it with loose change from your car, purse, or piggy bank. If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to "Knights of Columbus Council #11076". Return the bottles by **Father's Day** weekend **June 14-15**, when the Knights will collect them at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support of Mira Via.



Bus Trip - March for Life in Raleigh

Join the Family Life Office in a daylong bus trip pilgrimage on **Saturday, May 17, 2025** to our state capitol for a Mass, rally, and march for life! \$25 per person. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up!

FamilyLife@rcdoc.org for any questions.



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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our Family Faith Formation religious education program has just concluded for this year! Special thanks to all the catechists and volunteers who made this a meaningful and fruitful learning year for all who participated! Registration information will soon be available for 2025-2026 program year! For more information regarding our religious education programs, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

What a great year we just had with our youth ministries program! Let's continue the fun with Sunday Fun Day! Youth ages are rising 6th–12th. Some dates are listed on this page. If you're rising 6th grade, be sure to connect to our Flocknote group for invites, messages and updates: text **QOAYOUTH24-25** to the number **84576**. For more information, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

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**.*



Hello Summer

June 1st - Game Night
June 8th - Pentecost Sunday
June 28th - Lock In
July 6th - Field day
July 20th - Christmas in July
July 27th - TBD
August 17th - Back to School Bash

ENDLESS
SUMMER
ADVENTURES

Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 5-8pm

***Campers—register by Monday, June 9
so we can be sure to have your t-shirt size!***

Adult Volunteers still needed!

Please go to the homepage of the website to register today if you can help!
Please contact Anthony with questions.

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

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



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

REFLEXION:

El evangelista hoy nos trae la mirada de Jesús sobre la humanidad. La compara con ovejas. Estas oyen al Pastor y le siguen, El se ocupa de cada una de ellas, crea un vínculo de amor, de cercanía, que hace que haya fidelidad entre el Pastor y sus ovejas. Pero las ovejas no son un rebaño sin personalidad, sino que ellas conocen el coste que ha tenido para el Pastor salvarlas, y ahora sólo quieren en libertad seguirlo, habrá ovejas que prefieran abandonar al pastor, seguir solas, pero las ovejas que ha sentido la voz, no se han dejado ensordecir por el ruido, esas disfrutarán como cristianas de una vida feliz y eterna. Sin embargo, aquellas que a pesar de escuchar y reconocer la voz se hacen las sordas, se cierran a la llamada, se alejarán y no se llenarán de vida eterna. A pesar de ello, el Pastor siempre estará dispuesto a acogerlas de nuevo, a tener una relación personal, cercana e íntima. Las ovejas que nos dejamos guiar, mimar, no debemos creer que somos las mejores y las más queridas, sino que hemos decidido integrarnos en el redil de la nueva humanidad, donde reina el amor, la justicia y la solidaridad, por ello debemos, como comunidad, estar abiertos a que las ovejas alejadas puedan integrarse cuando comprendan, a través de nuestro testimonio, que el Pastor ósea Dios, siempre está dispuesto a acoger y amar. disfruten y déjense amar por Dios Sí, Jesucristo es nuestro buen Pastor. El ha dado su vida y su sangre por nosotros, para redimirnos de nuestros pecados, para darnos vida eterna. Hemos sido comprados al precio de la sangre de Cristo. Por eso, sus ovejas "no perecerán para siempre y nadie las arrebatará de su mano". Pero, para ello, también nosotros tenemos que esforzarnos por ser ovejas buenas de este buen Pastor. Dejémonos, pues, apacentar y conquistar por El siendo dóciles en el cumplimiento amoroso de su santísima voluntad sobre nosotros. Seamos buenas ovejas por nuestra fe y amor a El, por la obediencia, la vida de gracia y la fidelidad sincera a sus mandamientos. Ahora te pregunto a ti hermano como ovejas del rebaño de nuestro señor Jesucristo, ¿Reconocemos la voz de Jesús? ¿Estamos impregnados de su olor y su ternura? ¿Estamos dando vida? Meditemos y hagamos un examen de conciencia de cómo esta nuestra relación con Dios si realmente lo escuchamos o no.

Que Dios los bendiga

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.



*Feliz Día de las
Madres*