

# 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



*This is my chosen Son  
Listen to Him.*

**LUKE 9:35**

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 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, March 15, 2025**

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm Paulette Cookie Quigley +  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, March 16, 2025**

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation  
9:15am Richard Turner +  
11:15am For the People

### **Monday, March 17, 2025**

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Margaret Reeves Mayes +  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

### **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

11:30am Mass at St. Joseph's Church in Mt. Holly  
5:30pm Joseph Musialowski +

### **Thursday, March 20, 2025**

9:00am Dianne Morris +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, March 21, 2025**

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Evamay Gagne +

## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, March 22, 2025-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez

**EMCs:** Jeanmarie Panzica, Al Hess

**Readers:** James Hefferan, Diane Clifton

**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Kimber Zappia

### **Sunday, March 23, 2025—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Aidan Oplinger, Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik

**EMCs:** Colleen Sutton, Ernie Manaois

**Readers:** Frank Kortsch, Christine Jurik

**Hospitality:** Joe Shirley, Mary Hooper

### **Sunday, March 23, 2025—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Gabrielle Miller, Carter Robinson

**EMCs:** Gerry McDonough, Greg Van Praag

**Readers:** Ana Larkin, Andrew Kloak

**Hospitality:** Yvonne Zarza, Mike Proud

## ***Donut Ministry:***

***As a Lenten sacrifice, we will not have coffee and donuts during Lent.***

## ***Linens:***

### **Sunday, March 23, 2025**

Joan Donohue



The collection from 03-09-2025 is \$25,176.49.

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

***Our Weekly Tithes:***

The tithe for *CRO* from 03-09-2025 was \$1,258.00 .

The tithe for this week is for *BCO*.

*BCO* provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community.

## **Pastoral Staff**

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### ***PARISH OFFICE:***

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**Closed on Fridays.**

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## Wednesdays in Lent

### *Our Catholic Church History*

During this Lenten Season, we are offering an extra opportunity for our parish families to gather and go deeper into 'Our Catholic Church History.' Please be sure to join us as we will have **Soup and Substance** for 4 weeks during Lent. Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Wednesdays after Mass at 5:30pm. Soup Dinner will start at 6:00pm:

**MARCH 19**  
**MARCH 26**  
**APRIL 2**  
**APRIL 9**



## Lenten Retreat

A Lenten Retreat will be on **Saturday, March 22** from 9am-3pm in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel. We will begin with Mass at 9am. Fr. Elias will celebrate Mass and have confessions during the retreat. A reflection will be led by Dr. Alessandro Rovati. A lunch will be provided. Please be sure to join us for this Lenten Retreat.

**MARCH 22**

## The Solemnity of St. Joseph

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

**11:30AM—TIME CHANGE**

The first church in this area, the Church of St. Mary and St. Joseph in Mount Holly was the foundation of our life and faith as a parish community. We gather at this historic church for a special Mass on this Feast Day of St. Joseph to celebrate Mass at 11:30am (2159 Mountain Island Highway, Mt. Holly, NC).

***Please note the time change.***

## CRS Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are available in the Gathering Space of our church. Your Lenten alms through CRS Rice Bowl make a global difference for millions of our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.

They help families in countries like Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh to access nutritious food, build sustainable livelihoods and adapt and thrive in the face of climate change.

Please make a generous donation today and join us in praying that we may grow closer to God by serving one another this Lent. Turn in your gifts the week before Easter or you can give online at [crsricebowl.org/donate](https://crsricebowl.org/donate).



## Disciple Maker Index

**DIOCESAN SURVEY—MARCH 8—APRIL 6**

Queen of the Apostles Church is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves **assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities**, and that is where the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Queen of the Apostles Church.

**The link to the DMI survey is now live! Click the QR code to take the survey online.** Paper surveys are also available upon request. Please stop by the church office during office hours to pick up a paper survey.



## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Second Sunday of Lent

**Monday:** Saint Patrick

**Tuesday:** Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

**Wednesday:** Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Thursday:** Bl. John of Parma

**Friday:** Saint Enda

**Saturday:** Saint Lea

## 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.



## 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 **March 17 in English, March 24 in Spanish and March 31 in English.***

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday** Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11. 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

## 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.

## Easter Flowers

If you are interested in dedicating flowers in memory of or in honor of loved ones, you can do so electronically at our website on the Altar Flower page.

## DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025

Please be generous of 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.



## 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. **The next Baptismal Prep Session will be on Saturday, March 22 at 10am.**

## **Food Collection—*Collection will be March 29-30***

The Food Collection for March goes to SOCKS. They need green beans, corn, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, and instant potatoes. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided the weekend of March 29-30. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Just for Ladies—*Thursday, March 20, 7:00pm***

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, March 20** 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](mailto:qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com).

## **School of Community —*Sunday, March 23, 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, March 23** 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](mailto:ale.rova@gmail.com).

## **Community Breakfast—*Saturday, March 29, 8-11am—Date Change***

March brings the beginning of spring and St. Patrick's Day, please come and join us **Saturday March 29** from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center to celebrate these events with our famous pancake breakfast and maybe a treasure from our pot of gold! Of course, we will have all your other favorite breakfast items along with a smile from our team!

Hope to see and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

## **Rosary Makers—*Saturday, March 29, 10:30-11:30am***

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, March 29**, from 10:30-11:30am in the MAK Center Conference Room. Come for the Community Breakfast then join the group for Rosary Making. If you would like to know more, send an email to Jemi Mendoza at [jemi\\_mendoza@yahoo.com](mailto:jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com).

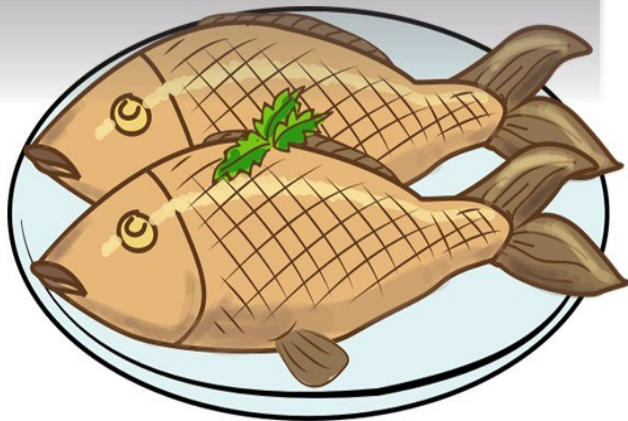
## FRIDAY NIGHT *Fish Fry*

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5.  
The Knights of Columbus will host a "Friday Night Fish Fry."  
Dinners will be from 5:30pm-7:30pm on the following three Fridays;

**MARCH 21 / APRIL 4**

The menu includes:

- Flounder dinner: 2 pieces of Fried Flounder, French Fries, Hushpuppies, and Coleslaw, Iced Tea, or Lemonade, and Coffee. There will be a limited amount of baked Flounder available. The price is \$15.
- We will provide children's spaghetti plates with Marinara sauce and Italian bread for \$7.
- Families with more than 2 children will be discounted to a \$5 plate of spaghetti.
- There will be beer available for a donation.
- There will be fried fish, baked fish, and children's spaghetti plates (marinara sauce).  
The fish will be available first come, first serve.



Payment is cash and check only.

# faithformation

## **YOUTH MINISTRIES—Meeting next on March 16**

The next meeting for Youth will be on **Sunday, March 16**. Youth will not meet on March 23 or March 30. 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!

## SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN!

JUNE  
9-14



Middle School

JULY  
11-13



Steubenville Conference

AUGUST  
4-9



High School

Please contact Anthony Beauregard for more information.



Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets:



## CAROLINA ASCENT FC MATCH

CAROLINA ASCENT VS DALLAS TRINITY

Saturday, March 29

7 PM

American Legion Memorial Stadium

\$18 per person

## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION—Meeting next on March 16**

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 16**. Family Faith will not be meeting on March 23 or 30. 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.

## **SUNDAYS—ADULT FAITH FORMATION—Meeting next on March 16**

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. Sunday Adult Faith Formation will not meet on March 23 or 30.

## **WEDNESDAYS—OCIA—Next meeting, Wednesday, March 19**

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.

## **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 22-26**



**Things to start saving:**  
paper grocery bags, newspaper,  
packing paper, large flattened boxes,  
TV boxes, or larger, 40oz peanut butter  
jars washed please with lid.

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## REFLEXION:

El Evangelio de la Liturgia de este segundo domingo de Cuaresma narra la Transfiguración de Jesús. Mientras rezaba en un monte alto, Jesús cambia de aspecto, sus vestidos se vuelven blancos y resplandecientes, y en la luz de su gloria aparecen Moisés y Elías, hablando con El de la Pascua que le espera en Jerusalén, es decir, de su pasión, muerte y resurrección. Testigos de este extraordinario acontecimiento son los apóstoles Pedro, Juan y Santiago, que han subido al monte con Jesús. Nos los imaginamos con los ojos bien abiertos ante aquel espectáculo único. Y ciertamente habrá sido así. Pero el evangelista Lucas señala que Pedro y sus compañeros estaban cargados de sueño y que despertándose vieron la gloria de Jesús. El sueño de los tres discípulos parece como una nota discordante. Causa asombro esta somnolencia en momentos tan importantes. Pero leyendo con atención, vemos que Pedro, Juan y Santiago se adormecen antes de que comience la Transfiguración, es decir, justo cuando Jesús está en oración. Podemos pensar que al principio ellos también estaban rezando, hasta que prevaleció el cansancio, el sueño. Hermanos, hermanas, ¿acaso no se parece este sueño fuera de lugar al sueño que nos entra en momentos que sabemos son importantes? Tal vez por la tarde, cuando nos gustaría rezar, pasar un rato con Jesús después de un día de mil carreras y compromisos. O cuando es el momento de intercambiar unas palabras con la familia y ya no tienes fuerzas. Nos gustaría estar más despiertos, atentos, implicados, para no perder ocasiones únicas, pero no podemos, o lo hacemos de cualquier manera y poco. El tiempo fuerte de la Cuaresma es una oportunidad en este sentido. Es un período en el que Dios quiere despertarnos del letargo interior, de esta somnolencia que no deja que el Espíritu se exprese. Porque no lo olvidemos nunca mantener el corazón despierto no depende solo de nosotros: es una gracia, y hay que pedirla. Los tres discípulos del Evangelio así lo demuestran: eran buenos, habían seguido a Jesús al monte, pero solo con sus fuerzas no conseguían mantenerse despiertos. Nos sucede también a nosotros. Pero se despiertan justo durante la Transfiguración. Podemos pensar que fue la luz de Jesús la que los despertó. Como ellos, también nosotros necesitamos la luz de Dios, que nos hace ver las cosas de otra manera; nos atrae, nos despierta, reaviva el deseo y la fuerza de rezar, de mirar dentro de nosotros y dedicar tiempo a los demás. Podemos vencer la fatiga del cuerpo con la fuerza del Espíritu de Dios. Y cuando no podamos superar esto, debemos decirle al Espíritu Santo: "Ayúdanos. Ven, ven Espíritu Santo. Ayúdame: quiero encontrar a Jesús, quiero estar atento, despierto". Pedirle al Espíritu Santo que nos saque de esta somnolencia que nos impide rezar. En este tiempo de Cuaresma, después de las fatigas de cada día, nos hará bien no apagar la luz de la habitación sin antes ponernos bajo la luz de Dios. Rezar un poco antes de dormir. Démosle al Señor la oportunidad de sorprendernos y despertar nuestro corazón. Esto lo podemos hacer, por ejemplo, abriendo el Evangelio y dejándonos asombrar por la Palabra de Dios, porque la Escritura ilumina nuestros pasos e inflama nuestro corazón. O podemos mirar el Crucifijo y maravillarnos ante el amor loco de Dios, que nunca se cansa de nosotros y tiene el poder de transfigurar nuestros días, de darles un nuevo sentido, una luz diferente, una luz inesperada. Que la Virgen María nos ayude a mantener nuestro corazón despierto para acoger este tiempo de gracia que Dios nos ofrece.

Que Dios les Bendiga

P. José Antonio Juya V.

## RETIRO EMAUS PARA MUJERES:

La invitación también es para las mujeres y el retiro se llevará a cabo los días: 25 – 26 y 27 de abril / 2025. Por favor comunicarse con: PATRICIA HERNANDEZ: 704-747-8690 o CLAUDIA MENDOZA: 704-621-9917. Las aplicaciones están disponibles con ellas.

## VIERNES DE CUARESMA

Durante los viernes de cuaresma tendremos el santo viacrucis en español para nuestra comunidad todos están cordialmente invitados a participar y a meditar en comunidad sobre la pasión de nuestro señor Jesucristo será en la capilla a las 7:00 pm

## FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR

¡El programa de Familia de Fe es el principal programa catequético en la Iglesia Reina de los Apóstoles y cumple con los requisitos de educación religiosa para niños de los grados K-8! ¡El próximo programa de Familia de Fe será el domingo 16 de marzo! 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.