

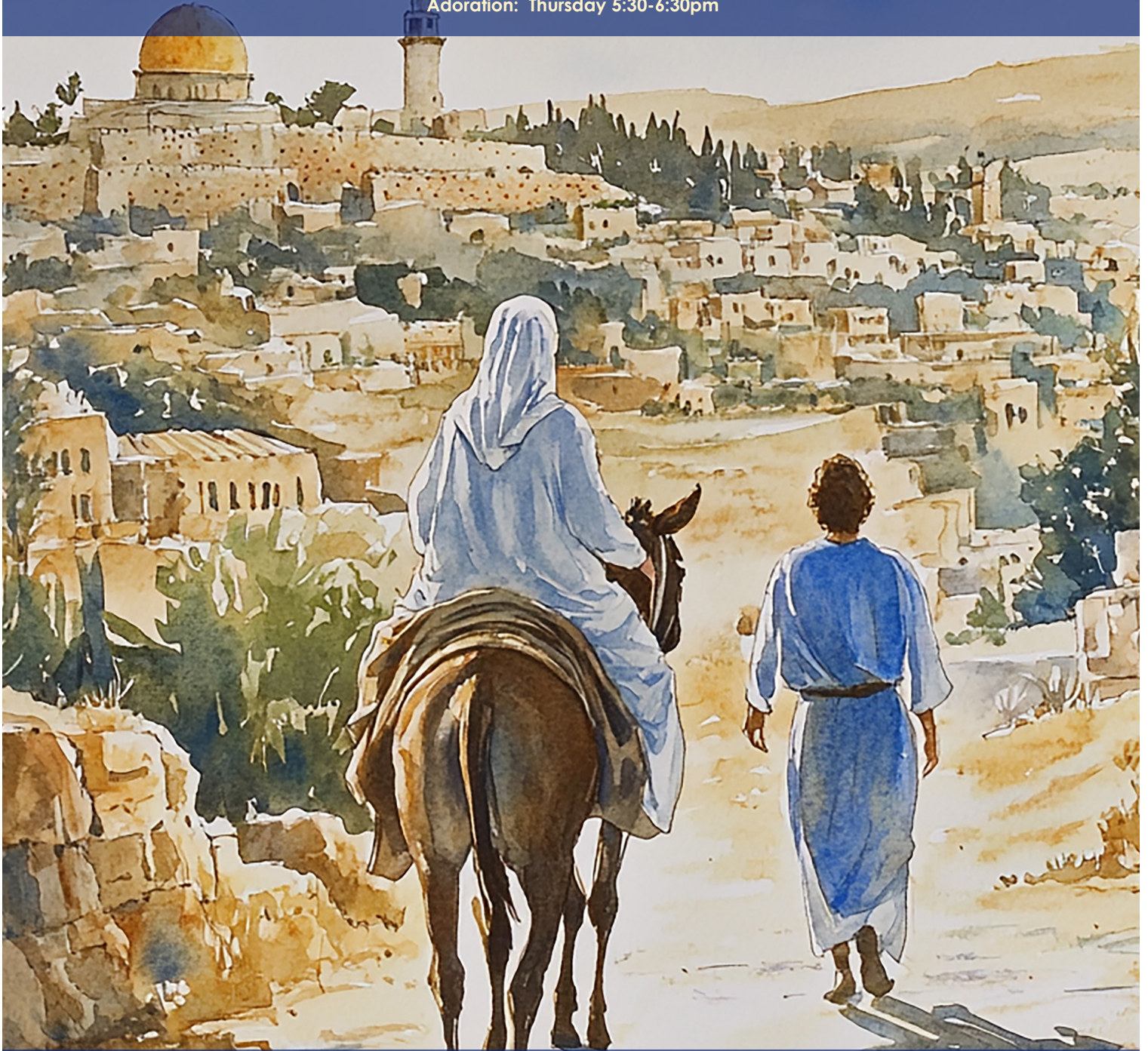
QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8, 2024

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, December 7, 2024

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

Sunday, December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Jim Lee +
11:15am Gene & Colette Torroni +

Monday, December 9, 2024—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation —Office Closed

8:00-8:30am No Reconciliation
12:15pm Katerina Toumpopolos McNelis +
6:30pm For the People
No Recitation of the Rosary

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

5:30pm Timothy Donahue +

Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:00am Mel Parent +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 13, 2024

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Maria Hong Vu +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, December 14, 2024-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Adam D'Souza

EMCs: Jennifer Church, Rich Pasqualone

Readers: James Hefferan, Patricia Vasil Ryan

Hospitality: Rich Ryan, Todd Morgan

Sunday, December 15, 2024—9:15am

Altar Servers: Adam St. Romain, Damien MacAlester, Molly Jurik, Adele St. Romain

EMCs: Mary Hooper, Linda Huffsmith

Readers: Steve White, TJ St. Romain

Hospitality: Joe Shirley, Laurie Mikulski

Sunday, December 15, 2024—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Ryan Jurik, Gabrielle Miller, Natalie Hawkins

EMCs: Sue Dolphin, Patrick Larkin

Readers: Alberto Gonzalez, Richard Swakla

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Stephanie Murphy & Family, Alissa Carlson, Pat D. Lynch, Rich Stipanovic



The collection from 11-24-2024 was \$17,171.41.

The collection from 12-01-2024 was \$19,517.94.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe from 11-24-2024 for QOA Thanksgiving was \$858.00. The tithe from 12-01-2024 for Gaston Skills was \$976.00. The tithe for this week will be Kara's Closet which is a program designed to provide room makeovers for child victims. Children are identified after their initial involvement with The Lighthouse. This is a way to assist in a child's healing journey by removing trauma reminders.

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Office #: 704-825-9600

SATB

A CHILD, A KING

Celebrating the Son
of the Father's Love

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024, 4:00PM

*Join us for a Christmas Musical Cantata,
'A Child, A King! Celebrating the Son of the Father's Love!'
Presented by The Queen of the Apostles Adult, Youth and Children Choirs*

*Location: Queen of the Apostles Church
A reception will follow in the Gathering Space.*



MARTY PARKS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

is a Holy Day of Obligation which will be observed on Monday, December 9.

Masses will be at 12:15pm & 6:30pm.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9.



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: The Immaculate

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: Our Lady of Loreto

Wednesday: Saint Damasus I

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: Saint Lucy

Saturday: Saint John of the Cross

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.

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

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.



Christmas 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.



Weekly Rosary

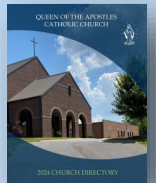
The Rosary will be recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed.

*The next Rosary Recitation will be on **December 16** in English, **December 23** in Spanish and **December 30** in Tagalog.*

Please note that we will not have the Rosary Recitation on December 9.

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.



Readings for the Week

Monday Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

We have accepted a Diocesan reach out 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 Chandler, NC. The next collection date will be **December 14/15**.

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.



Food Collection—Collection will be December 28-29

December's food collection will be taken for BREAD, Inc. in Gastonia. Canned or foil pouch protein/stew/soup, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, canned beans, pasta, and spaghetti sauce. BREAD, Inc. is always appreciative of any shelf-stable foods. Bring your items to the altar and place them in the baskets provided the weekend of December 28-29. Thank you for your donations and Happy Holidays.

Thank you—

Thank you to all who donate monthly to our parish food drives. We are averaging over 800 lbs. delivering to 5 local food banks. Demand overall at these banks is up over 30% from a year ago. We make a big difference with our parish's generous donations.

School of Community —Sunday, December 8, 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, December 8** 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 next meet on Tuesday, December 10, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group will not meet on the second Monday, December 9 in observance of the Holy Day of Obligation. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00pm**. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

Just for Ladies—Will meet on December 12 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, December 12** 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.

Christmas Food Boxes—Saturday, December 21, 7am

Assembly of the Christmas food boxes for area families in need will be on **Saturday, December 21** at 7am. Volunteers are needed! There are so many ways to help!

- We need volunteers to assemble the boxes and drivers to deliver them.
- We are also in need of turkeys and hams to include with each box.
- We also accept donations to defray the cost of rounding out the baskets. Turkey and hams can be dropped off at the office during regular business hours.

If you want to volunteer or know a family in need, please contact Heather Hart at hrefrog@yahoo.com or go online at our website to submit a request form. **Requests for Food Box deadline is December 16.**

Community Christmas Breakfast Visit by Santa!—December 14, 8-11am

Our special Community Christmas breakfast is happening on December 14th from 8 -11 am at the Family Life Center. Please come and join us for some special breakfast treats and Christmas crafts for the children and of course with a visit by Santa himself and an opportunity to get a free picture with Santa! Hope to see and serve you again! *The Elvish Breakfast Team*



Advent Retreat — Friday, December 13 & Saturday, December 14

Join us at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church as we gather with fellow parishioners for a time of reflection, fellowship, and prayer during the Advent season. All are welcome! No RSVP necessary. Come for all or part of it. The retreat will be in St. Katharine Drexel Hall. The schedule is as follows: **Friday, December 13**; Evening Reflection with Fr. Scott A. Hasting from the Archdiocese of Omaha at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. On **Saturday, December 14**, the schedule is as follows: Mass at 9am, Coffee Break at 9:30am, Morning Reflection with Dr. Alessandro Rovati at 10am, Silence & Personal Prayer at 11am, Lunch at 12pm, Small Groups at 1:00pm and Closing Assembly at 2pm.

The Sisters of Mercy—Christmas Concert

Featuring Andrew Finn Magill, Violinist

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm

Cardinal Gibbons Chapel

Sacred Heart Convent, Belmont

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

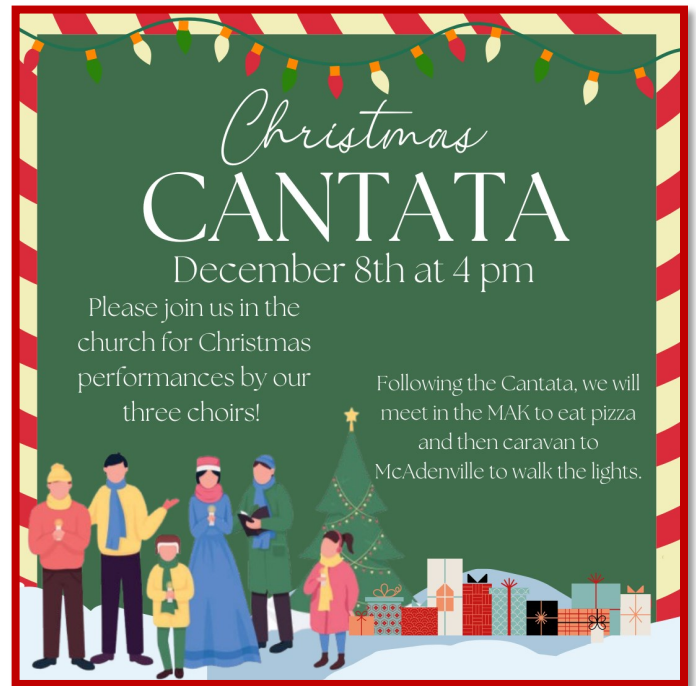
Next Meet—December 1

Family Faith Formation will meet on **December 8 and 15**. 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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Camp Interest Meeting—December 15— 7:30pm

There will be a Camp Interest Meeting for the 2025 summer camp trips. The meeting will take place after Youth Group on December 15. Youth Group will meet on December 15 from 5:00-7:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center! Dinner will be provided!



Christmas
CANTATA
December 8th at 4 pm

Please join us in the church for Christmas performances by our three choirs!

Following the Cantata, we will meet in the MAK to eat pizza and then caravan to McAdenville to walk the lights.

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 **December 8**.

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 6:15-pm-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.

SAVE THE DATES!

JUNE
9-14



Middle School

JULY
11-13



Steubenville
Conference

AUGUST
4-9



High School

**Camp Interest Meeting is on
December 15th after youth group!**

high school
SKI TRIP
JANUARY 24-26, 2025

\$250

Winterplace, WV



SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE SEE ANTHONY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

Cuando esperamos a un invitado especial, nos vestimos de gala, arreglamos nuestro hogar, y estamos atentos a su llegada con ansiedad, pero siempre con alegría. Este es, por tanto, el tono de las lecturas de este segundo domingo de Adviento. El evangelio de san Lucas relata con detalle el tiempo inminente en que Juan, hijo de Zacarías, anunció la llegada del Mesías. Este tiempo no es Cuaresma; es un tiempo de recuerdos, recogimiento y compromiso, pero también es un tiempo de esperanza durante el que, con gran alegría, la Iglesia celebra el nacimiento de Aquel invitado especial que, nacido de la Virgen en Belén, trae la justicia y la paz al mundo entero. Las lecturas del día se plasman en el ambiente que se ha presentado en el santuario. Aunque al sobrio y siempre destacando, la corona de Adviento, este ambiente no debe carecer ni de buen arte, ni de buen gusto. Es la manifestación clara de todo un ambiente de alegría que embarga los corazones cristianos. todos los signos son importantes, pero el más importante es la actitud de cada uno en su vida interior. esta actitud se nota en la espiritualidad y su disponibilidad de cambio de mentalidad, cambio de actitudes y cambio de conducta. toda la alegría del Adviento es una preparación para recibir a Jesús y darlo a conocer a los demás. Tratemos de prepararnos a través de la oración y la convivencia con los demás, especialmente practicando las obras de caridad.

Que Dios los 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 8 de diciembre! 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