

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles

503 North Main Street, Belmont, North Carolina 28012, Phone: 704-825-9600, Fax: 704-825-1413, www.queenoftheapostles.org

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Weekend Mass cancellations please refer to our website;
Weekdays: 2 hour delay when Gaston schools cancel or delay

STRENGTH IN *Faith*



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 9, 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 8, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Robert Buchanan +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, March 9, 2025

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Marlene Rine +
11:15am For the People +

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am George McArdle +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Creole

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

5:30pm Rita Abraham +

Thursday, March 13, 2025

9:00am Edward and Julia Sadlowski +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, March 14, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am James Giermansky +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, March 15, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez
EMCs: Patty Topper, Mary Beth Halstead
Readers: Richard Swakla, Alison Nolting
Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Peter Liberatore

Sunday, March 16, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Corinne St. Romain, Olivia Powers
EMCs: Adriana Echeverri, Lisa Owens
Readers: Elizabeth Sisk, Rose Todd
Hospitality: Rick Hooper, Paul Todd

Sunday, March 16, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Zoe Barthelemy, Carter Robinson, Gabrielle Miller
EMCs: Bethsy SanMillan, Sue Dolphin
Readers: Terri Wilson, Alberto Gonzalez
Hospitality: Billy McHenry, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

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

Linens:

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Jeanmarie Panzica



The collection from 03-02-2025 is \$25,887.79.

***Thank you for your support of the parish!
Our Weekly Tithes:***

The tithe for *Belmont Back Pack Program* from 03-02-2025 was \$1,294.00 .
The tithe for this week is for *CRO*. This *Community Relief Organization* offers emergency assistance to those living in the Mount Holly and the surrounding area.

Pastoral Staff

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm
Closed on Fridays.
Office #: 704-825-9600

Wednesdays in Lent

During this Lenten Season, we are offering an extra opportunity for our parish families to gather and go deeper into our 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:

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



Catholic Leadership
INSTITUTE

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: First Sunday of Lent

Monday: Saint Mary Eugenie of Jesus

Tuesday: Saint Constantine

Wednesday: Saint Fina

Thursday: Bl. Agnello of Pisa

Friday: Saint Leobinus

Saturday: Saint Louise de Marillac

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.



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.



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/ to make a donation online or click on the QR code to contribute.



Readings for the Week

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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 10 in Creole, March 17 in English, March 24 in Spanish and March 31 in English.**

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Sammy's Pub

Help Support LAMB
Wednesday, March 12,
11:00am-10:00pm

Please come out to support LAMB with the Knights of Columbus at Sammy's Pub in Belmont on Wednesday, March 12, 11am-10pm. Come out and have lunch or dinner—or pickup a meal to go—and a portion of proceeds benefits LAMB (Least Among My Brethren). Any questions, reach out to Mark Colone at mdcolone@gmail.com.

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.

School of Community —*Sunday, March 9, 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 9** 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 —*Monday, March 10, 1:00pm*

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, March 10** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

Just for Ladies—*Thursday, March 13, 7:00pm*

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, March 13** 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.

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.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Fish Fry

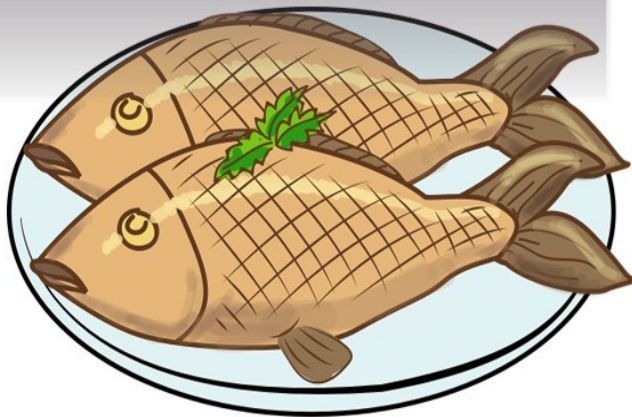
Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, March 5.
The Knights of Columbus will host a "Friday Night Fish Fry."
Dinners will be from 5:30pm-7:30pm on the following three Fridays;

MARCH 7 / 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.*
- *We are planning to serve 100 meals on a first come, first served basis on March 7. If we have more demand, we will look to add more plates for March 21 and April 4. 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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION- Meeting next - March 9 and 16

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 9**. 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—Meeting next - March 9 and 16

The next meeting for Youth will be on **Sunday, March 9**. 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!

SUNDAYS—ADULT FAITH FORMATION—Meeting next - March 9 and 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.

WEDNESDAYS—OCIA—Next meeting, Wednesday, March 12

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM-Saturday, March 15, 9:00am-11:00am

Students who are registered in this year's Confirmation Preparation Program will meet on **Saturday, March 15** from 9:00am-11:00am in the Church. We ask that one parent attend with the student. If you have questions, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

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.**

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.**

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

REFLEXION:

Desde el miércoles pasado, y con la imposición de las cenizas, comenzamos el tiempo litúrgico de Cuaresma. Este período importante y fuerte del año, es un tiempo de ruta en nuestro peregrinar hacia la Pascua. En estos 40 días estamos llamados a la conversión, a caminar, a imitación de Cristo, por el desierto de nuestras tentaciones y dificultades. Mediante la oración humilde, el ayuno verdaderamente de corazón y la caridad, estos días nos invitan a una conversión sincera, a ser colaboradores de Dios yendo al encuentro del hermano con una caridad marcada por la alegría y la activa entrega, caminando siempre al lado de Jesús. El color que simboliza la Cuaresma es el morado, color de gozosa autenticidad. Las lecturas de este Domingo, nos transmiten el mensaje de la confianza en Dios en medio de las tribulaciones diarias. En esta cuaresma y, como Peregrinos de Esperanza, oremos por nosotros y por todos los hermanos que se encuentran pasando situaciones desesperadas, para mantener firme la confianza y la fe en el Señor, que nunca abandona a sus hijos, para que encontremos siempre, en la Eucaristía y en su Palabra, la paciencia y la fuerza que nos ayuden a superar las tentaciones, las dificultades y los obstáculos que se nos presentan día a día. Y para que no tengamos miedo pues, como nos recuerda el Papa Francisco: Quien se encuentre perdido, engañado por las seducciones del maligno, que no tarde en volver al Señor, que es rico en perdón. Que este tiempo de Cuaresma sea también para nosotros un tiempo de desierto. Dedicemos un espacio al silencio y a la oración un poquito, nos hará bien, en estos espacios detengámonos y miremos lo que se agita en nuestro corazón, nuestra verdad interior, aquella que sabemos que no puede ser justificada. Hagamos claridad interior, poniéndonos ante la Palabra de Dios en la oración, para que tenga lugar en nosotros una lucha beneficiosa contra el mal que nos hace esclavos, una lucha por la libertad. Pidamos a la Virgen Santa que nos acompañe en el desierto cuaresmal y nos ayude en nuestro camino de conversión.

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 9 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.

¿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.