

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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

DECEMBER 22, 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 21, 2024

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Austin Satoskar +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, December 22, 2024—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Mel Parent +
11:15am For the People

Monday, December 23, 2024

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am William H. Reeves +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Spanish

Tuesday, December 24, 2024—Christmas Eve

4:00pm Family Mass, Steve & Evamay Gagne +
8:00pm First Solemn Mass of Christmas, Robert Buchanan +

Wednesday, December 25, 2024—The Nativity of the Lord

7:30am Quiet Mass of Christmas Day, Pro Populo
10:00am Solemn Mass of Christmas Day, Carl Bossert +
Please note that there will not be Mass at 5:30pm.

Thursday, December 26 2024

9:00am David Carroll +

Please note that there will not be Adoration at 5:30pm.

Friday, December 27, 2024

Please note that there will not be Reconciliation at 7:30am.
9:00am Jacqueline A. Vizard +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, December 28, 2024—5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blanford, Phelps Reed
EMCs: Sharon Thrumbel, Deborah Eagon
Readers: Gail Bruno, Kimber Zappia
Hospitality: Elizabeth Atterberry, Todd Morgan

Sunday, December 29, 2024—9:15am

Altar Servers: Garrison MacAlester, Damien MacAlester, Gabrielle Miller, Bella Miller
EMCs: Rosemary Rine, Jerry Rine
Readers: Tom Calabro, Caitrin MacAlester
Hospitality: Pat Godfrey, Bill McMaster

Sunday, December 29, 2024—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Adam D'Souza, Carter Robinson
EMCs: Patrick Larkin, Ana Larkin
Readers: Gabriela Larkin, Patricia Vasil Ryan
Hospitality: Rich Ryan, Yvonne Zarza



The collection from 12-08-2024 was \$26,548.66.
The collection from 12-15-2024 will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for Kara's Closet from 12-08-2024 was \$1,327.00. The tithe for Step Up for Family Safety will be available in the next bulletin. The tithe for this week will be for Safe Alliance which serves victims of domestic violence. Safe Alliance provides safety planning, crisis counseling and assistance applying for protective orders.

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PARISH OFFICE:

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

Christmas 2024

**Christmas Eve,
Tuesday, December 24**

- **4:00pm Family Mass**
- **8:00pm First Solemn Mass of Christmas**

**Christmas Day,
Wednesday, December 25**

- **7:30am Quiet Mass of Christmas Day**
- **10:00am Solemn Mass of Christmas Day**

**New Year's Day,
Wednesday, January 1**
*Mary the Holy Mother of God,
Holy Day of Obligation*

- **Vigil Mass on Tuesday,
December 31 at 6:30pm**
- **Mass on Wednesday,
January 1 at 10:00am**

**Please note that there will not
be a 5:30pm Mass on
Wednesday, January 1.**

*The Parish Office will be closed
on Friday, December 20 and
reopen on Thursday, January 2.*



ANGEL TREE 2024— THANK YOU!

Because of your generosity, we were able to collect 604 Angel Tree Gifts this year! Thank you to everyone who donated items—this was the most gifts that we collected to date! Thank you to the many volunteers who donated their time in making this event a huge success!

SPECIAL COLLECTION: ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH

We have been asked by the Diocese 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 Candler, NC. The next collection date will be **January 4/5.**

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.



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: Saint John of Kanty

Tuesday: Saint Adele

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: Saint Stephen

Friday: Saint John

Saturday: The Holy Innocents

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.



Stay Connected...

Are you unable to join your parish family at Mass each weekend because you are homebound or have temporary or ongoing health issues? If so, please contact our Pastoral Associate Jeanne LaFrancis at 704-825-9600 ext. 1006 to arrange for Communion to be brought to you at home, in the hospital or at a nursing or rehab facility. A family member may also contact Jeanne if you are unable to do so yourself. You continue to

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 23** in Spanish and **December 30** in Tagalog.*

Readings for the Week

Monday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday Vigil Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Wednesday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Wednesday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Wednesday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

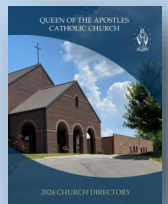
Friday 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18

Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

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.



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.

A flower dedication this month was not printed in the bulletin. On Sunday, December 8, flowers were dedicated by:

**Florencio and Beverly Martin
in loving memory of Tess Sto. Tomas,
Larry Martin and Maria Martin**

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.

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.

First Monday—Monday, January 6, 2pm

On the first Monday of every month, the First Monday Meal group meets in the MAK Family Life Center to prepare meals for two shelters in our community. Our next meeting is **Monday, January 6** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Email Laura Liska at lollielive@gmail.com for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

Just for Men—Will meet on Monday, January 6 following the Recitation of the Rosary

All men are welcome. The meeting takes place following the Rosary. Our study will be ending the Gospel of John with focus on the Resurrection. For details or a copy of the study guide, email Deacon Chip Wilson deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org

Just for Ladies—Will next meet on January 9 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, January 9** 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.

School of Community —Sunday, January 12, 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, January 12** 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.

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH FUNDRAISER AUCTION BENEFIT



SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025, 6PM-MIDNIGHT

Gastonia Conference Center, 145 South Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

The evening will include:

Sit Down Dinner, Dancing, Complimentary Drinks from 6-8pm, Live and Silent Auctions, Fund-A-Need, Game Time Fun

Tickets can be purchased at:

Online at: <https://queenoftheapostles.ejoinme.org/FAB2025>

Get your tickets early – only 300 tickets will be sold!

Tickets: \$100

If you have any questions, please email Stacey Phillips, sjb531@yahoo.com or Melissa Gardner, melissag8534@gmail.com.

Scan code to purchase tickets:



faithformation

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Next Meet—January 5

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!

EVENT CALENDAR

JAN. 2025

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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JAN 5 Youth Meeting

JAN 12 XLT Adoration Night

JAN 19 Youth Meeting

JAN 24-26 High School Ski Retreat

high school SKI TRIP

JANUARY 24-26, 2025

Winterplace, WI

\$250



SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE SEE ANTHONY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Next Meet—January 5

Family Faith Formation will meet on **January 5**. 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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM

Saturday, January 4, 9:00am-11:00am

Students who are registered in this year's Confirmation Preparation Program will meet on **Saturday, January 4** from 9:00am-11:00am in the Church. We ask that one parent attend with the student. This will be the first of three required meets. If you have questions, Please contact Anthony at famiyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



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 **January 5**.

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. Click on the QR Code to order:



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

Antes de llegar a este domingo, los fieles se han congregado para celebrar el Nacimiento del Niño Dios de varias maneras: pastorales, aguinaldos, novenas. Estas tradiciones populares de los hispanos consumen con alegría el tiempo y el espacio de las familias que transmiten a sus hijos el verdadero sentido de la Navidad: Jesús nace para caminar con nosotros y para invitarnos a caminar siempre con Él. De hecho, dichas tradiciones coinciden con todas las oraciones litúrgicas donde se habla de la venida del Mesías. Hoy las lecturas nos invitan a reconocer el Señor que nace de María, la doncella de Nazaret. En Él se cumplen las promesas que anunciaron los profetas para establecer una nueva Alianza y suprimir los antiguos sacrificios. La carta a los hebreos nos recuerda que Cristo nos invita a una jornada de entrega y esperanza para que todos aprendamos a aceptar como Él acepta la voluntad del Padre. El Evangelio nos presenta la visita de María a su prima Isabel. La Iglesia hoy comparte la misma alegría que ambas compartieron en este encuentro. Los fieles nos encontramos con el Cristo de Belén para reflejar en nuestras vidas la alegría y la esperanza que las lecturas nos presentan hoy. Vivamos con mucho entusiasmo y amor estos días del encuentro con el Niño Dios.

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 5 de enero! 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 iglesia.