

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



Called to Follow

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 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, February 8, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation
9:15am Thomas Joseph Roarty +
11:15am Sue Bess +

Monday, February 10, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Steve Toth +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Spanish

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

5:30pm Kathleen Wofford +

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00am Val Anne Glooschenko
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, February 14, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Eugene L. Reeves +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, February 15, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Natalia Gomez, Phelps Reed

EMCs: Al Hess, Mary Kane

Readers: Patricia Vasil Ryan, James Hefferan

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Sunday, February 16, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Adele St. Romain, Corinne St. Romain

EMCs: Brian Litfin, Linda Huffsmith

Readers: Tom Calabro, Tom Katsuleris

Hospitality: Mary Hooper, Joe Shirley

Sunday, February 16, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Natalie Hawkins, Carter Robinson

EMCs: Patrick Larkin, Gerry McDonough

Readers: Gabriela Larkin, Ana Larkin

Hospitality: Yvonne Zarza, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Rei Neidermeier, Jane & Dan Turner, Rich Stipanovic, Kimber Zappia

Linens:

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Peggy & Wayne Robertson



The collection from 02-02-2025 was \$26,151.96.
Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for the *CRO* was \$1,307.00.

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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Closed on Fridays.

Office #: 704-825-9600

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH
FUNDRAISER AUCTION BENEFIT

BUY TICKETS NOW!



GAME TIME

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> or in the church office during office hours.

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:

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. Our church's Community Breakfast will be on this day and also a lunch will be provided. Please be sure to join us for this Lenten Retreat.

MARCH 22

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 on the following three Fridays; **March 7, 21 and April 4 from 5:30pm-7:30pm.** There will be fried fish, baked fish, and children's spaghetti plates (marinara sauce). The fish will be available on a first come, first serve.



ALASKAN CRUISE

Join us for an Alaskan Cruise
August 29, 2025 – September 6, 2025

Inside Cabin: \$1,087 per person
Oceanview: \$1,609 per person
Balcony: \$1,960 per person

Additional cost for excursions, airfare, hotel in Vancouver and onboard gratuities.

Scheduled to fly into Vancouver to board Holland America Cruise Line. Cruise to inside passage, Tracy Aron, Juneau, Sagway, Endicott Arm and Ketchikan. Call or email Chrissy for more information, parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Scholastica

Tuesday: Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday: St. Buonfiglio Monaldo

Thursday: Saint Catherine de Ricci

Friday: Saint Cyril, Saint Valentine

Saturday: Saint Walfrid

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.

Lenten Sacrifice

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

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.



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
February 10 in Spanish
February 17 in English
February 24 in Tagalog

Readings for the Week

Monday Gen 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

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.



Converging Roads in Charlotte

MARCH 29, 2025 | CHARLOTTE, NC

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the 8th annual **Converging Roads** conference in Charlotte, NC. Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Diocese of Charlotte and Belmont Abbey College, this annual conference series offering continuing education equips health care professionals to practice the highest ethical and medical standards of their profession. For more information, visit convergingroads.com.



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

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.

Flowers at the Altar this weekend

were donated by:

Cindy Petruska
in loving memory of Jay Petruska & Dianne Morris



Food Collection—Collection will be February 22-23

February's food will be taken for BCO. Items in need are peanut butter and jelly, oatmeal, grits, pop-tarts, dried beans, and cereal. Bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided the weekend of **February 22-23**. Many blessings for your generous support.

School of Community —Sunday, February 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, February 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— Will meet next on Monday, February 10, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, February 10** in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

Just for Ladies—Thursday, February 13 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, February 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, February 22, 8-11am

Please come and join us on **Saturday, February 22**, from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center to celebrate your special Valentine with a delicious breakfast of heart shaped pancakes and strawberries. 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, February 22, 10:30-11:30am

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, February 22**, 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.

Backpack Program

Queen of the Apostles' Backpack Ministry Program is in need of financial assistance. If you can contribute to this ministry that provides food for homeless children in area schools so that they have meals available to them over weekends and school holidays please link to our online giving platform and indicate Backpack Program on the pull down tab. You may also indicate Backpack Ministry in the memo line of your check.



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YOUTH MINISTRIES—Meetings in February will be February 9 and 16

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!

<p>JUNE 9-14</p> <p>LIFE TEEN CAMP HIDDEN LAKE DALLONEGA, GA</p> <p>Middle School</p>	<p>JULY 11-13</p> <p>CONSUMED REDEEMPTION 6-8</p> <p>Steubenville Conference</p>	<p>AUGUST 4-9</p> <p>LIFE TEEN CAMP COVECREST TIGER, GA</p> <p>High School</p>
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Please contact Anthony Beaugard for more information.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Meetings this month, February 9 and 16

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 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.

FIRST SACRAMENTS PREPARATION PROGRAM

Saturday, February 22, 10:00am

Please keep the children in the First Sacraments Preparation Program in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Reconciliation on **Saturday, February 22** at 10:00am.



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. This will be the second of three required meets. If you have questions, Please contact Anthony at famiyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26



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. Meetings for this month are **February 9 and 16**

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 6:15pm-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.

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

La confianza es la puerta que nos abre al encuentro con Cristo, pues nos permite ver su misericordia infinita. Si tenemos fe, llegaremos a la inevitable conclusión que nuestras vidas nunca estarán mejor empleadas y resguardadas, para mayor Gloria de Dios que en Sus propias manos.

En tu nombre, Señor, echaré las redes. En ese momento Jesús subió a la barca y ocurrió el milagro más grande, un cambio de corazón por el encuentro personal con el Señor. No hay mucho que pensar. Se trata de tomar una decisión y respaldarla con nuestra vida misma.

Pedro tiene uno de esos momentos brillantes y exclama: "Pero por tu palabra echaré la red". ¡Qué demostración de fe! Es el principio del ministerio, pero lo que él ha visto ya le alcanza para saber que cuando todo lo humano falla, Jesús de Nazaret puede actuar.

"Después de sacar las barcas a tierra, lo dejaron todo y le siguieron". Lo que estos hombres, experimentados pescadores, habían visto, los había convencido de que Jesús de Nazaret era digno de ser seguido dejando todo lo demás atrás.

La pregunta es: ¿lo dejas subir a tu barca? Echa las redes y verás qué bueno es el Señor. El trabajo, estudios y cosas de todos los días se vuelven algo extraordinario en lo ordinario cuando dejamos que el Señor sea el que dirija nuestra barca. ¿Realmente somos capaces de dejar todo atrás para seguirlo?

DIOS LOS BENDIGA.

P. José Antonio Juya V.

ENCUENTRO DE PAREJAS:

Recuerden que cada mes tenemos nuestro encuentro de parejas; un espacio para crecer, aprender y compartir en la fe. Nuestra próxima fecha será: febrero 14 / 2025, 7pm, edificio San Benedicto, ven y celebremos juntos San Valentín. Traemos algo para compartir, contamos con su asistencia, los esperamos.

RETIRO EMAUS PARA HOMBRES:

Extendemos la invitación a todos los hombres que no han tenido un encuentro personal con Jesús, para que tengan esa maravillosa experiencia, asistiendo al **RETIRO EMAUS PARA HOMBRES**, que se llevará a cabo los días: 7 – 8 y 9 de marzo / 2025. Por favor comunicarse con: GAUDENCIO ALVARADO: 980-320-5587 ó BERNARDO OCAMPO: 704-215-1006. Las aplicaciones están disponibles con: LUIS SEPULVEDA: 704-907-8529.

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 HERNÁNDEZ: 704-747-8690 ó CLAUDIA MENDOZA: 704-621-9917. Las aplicaciones están disponibles con ellas.

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 febrero! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a. m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y donas, seguido de la reunión a las 10:30 a. m. para todos en la Iglesia.

BAUTISMO

Esta importante señal 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 la fecha prevista para el bautismo.

MATRIMONIO

Este sacramento brinda una oportunidad para que una pareja se muestre como un signo del amor de Dios en la comunidad. Para este fin, es importante y necesario un período de preparación. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha propuesta para su matrimonio para comenzar este proceso.

¿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.