

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 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 14, 2024

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm For the People

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, December 15, 2024—Third Sunday of Advent

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am Carol Cerar +

11:15am Josh Burr +

Monday, December 16, 2024

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Peter Canavan +

7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

5:30pm Sherwin Mateo +

Thursday, December 19, 2024

9:00am Hugo Gruendel +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 20, 2024

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Marilyn Aringo +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, December 21, 2024-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Natalia Gomez, Valentina Gomez

EMCs: Diane Hess, Jeanmarie Panzica

Readers: Joe Bruno, Alison Nolting

Hospitality: Larry Capps, Peter Liberatore

Sunday, December 22, 2024—9:15am

Altar Servers: Aidan Oplinger, Corinne St. Romain, Carter Phillips, Clark Cordova

EMCs: Leonora Manaiois, Roger Duncan

Readers: Rose Todd, Brendan Sweeney

Hospitality: Jayne Clark, Brad Clark

Sunday, December 22, 2024—11:15am

Altar Servers: Adam D'Souza, Savannah Butler, Carter Robinson

EMCs: Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

Readers: Thomas Sims, Jerome Butler

Hospitality: Billy McHenry, Mike Proud

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Peggy & Wayne Robertson, Jane & Dan Turner, Laura Powers & Family, Deborah Eagon



The collection from 12-08-2024 will be available in the next bulletin.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for Kara's Closet will be available in the next bulletin. The tithe for this week will be for Step Up for Family Safety which offers abuse intervention services and counseling for abusers. Step Up exists because they know abusers can change and if they can change, women and children will be safer.

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Fridays.

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.



CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES Saturday, December 21, 7:00am

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.

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 Candler, 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.



STILL TIME TO DONATE...

We are still short of our goals for both the 2024 DSA and Priests' Retirement & Benefits assessments. These shortfalls will be paid from our parish savings. Any amount toward these would be greatly appreciate. Please designate in the memo line where your donation should be credited or select the dropdown account on the online giving platform.

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. **Deadline to order is December 16.**



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: Saint Ado of Vienne

Tuesday: Saint Olympias

Wednesday: Saint Rufus

Thursday: Saint Nemesius

Friday: Saint Dominic of Silos

Saturday: Saint Peter Canisius

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 be an important part of our faith family and we would like to help keep you connected!

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.*

Readings for the Week

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Friday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

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.

Flowers at the Altar this weekend

were donated by:

Frank Cerar
in loving memory of Carol Cerar

A flower dedication was made after the December 8th bulletin went to print. Flowers at the Altar last weekend were from:

M. Terry Gardner
in loving memory of Rosa Castellano

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.

Just for Ladies—Will meet on December 19 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, December 19** 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.

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 lolielive@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 continued study is of the Gospel of John. For details or a copy of the study guide, email Deacon Chip Wilson deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org

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.

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.

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

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Next Meet—December 1

Family Faith Formation will meet on **December 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!

LifeTeen

Camp Information Meeting

Please meet in the MAK center.
Camp registration coming soon!
Spots are very limited this year!

DECEMBER 15
7:30 PM



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 15**.

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

Winterplace, WV

\$250



SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE SEE ANTHONY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

La liturgia de este domingo, tradicionalmente conocida como domingo de Gaudete, adquiere un tono de mucha alegría. En la primera lectura, el profeta Sofonías nos invita a recordar que, a pesar de la continua desobediencia del pueblo, Dios se convierte en Rey para rescatarlos del mal. En El Evangelio hace evidente en su relato la expectativa de un pueblo que por siglos anhelaba la llegada del Mesías. Por medio del bautismo de purificación, Juan el Bautista anuncia que el Mesías se acerca; mientras tanto, los exhorta a esperar su llegada compartiendo lo que tienen con los más necesitados. Conviene que los fieles que se congregan para la liturgia dominical escuchen bien el mensaje de Juan y el de la Iglesia. El Adviento es tiempo de entrega en el servicio. Es un tiempo que nos invita a compartir lo que poseemos con los más necesitados. Además, conviene que cada uno se comprometa de verdad en el ejercicio de poner en práctica las obras de caridad, especialmente con los pobres, donde cada uno nos encontramos. compartamos nuestra navidad con el espíritu de la alegría viviéndola en cada realidad concreta de nuestra vida, comenzando por nuestra propia familia.

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 15 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 iglesia.