

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



Repent!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 23, 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 22, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm For the People

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, March 23, 2025

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am Richard Turner +

11:15am Rebecca Almy Graves +

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Robert Buchanan +

7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in Spanish

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

5:30pm Sammy Oxendine +

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:00am James Giermansky +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, March 28, 2025

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Jennifer Schmelez

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, March 29, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Valentina Gomez, Phelps Reed

EMCs: Diane Hess, Rich Pasqualone

Readers: Alberto Gonzalez, Patricia Vasil Ryan

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Sunday, March 30, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Adam St. Romain, Carter Phillips, Clark Cordova

EMCs: Sandy Endicott, Lisa Owens

Readers: TJ St. Romain, Tom Calabro

Hospitality: Brian Litfin, Bill McMaster

Sunday, March 30, 2025—11:15am

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

EMCs: Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

Readers: Jerome Butler, Christelle Angelica Corpin

Hospitality: Billy McHenry, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

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

Linens:

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Joan Lynn



The collection from 03-16-2025 is \$19,626.35.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for BCO from 03-16-2025 was \$981.00.

The tithe for this week is for **SOCKS**. SOCKS offers crisis assistance to neighbors in Eastern Gaston County.

Pastoral Staff

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Wednesdays in Lent

Our Catholic Church History

During this Lenten Season, we are offering an extra opportunity for our parish families to gather and go deeper into '**Our Catholic 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. Soup Dinner will start at 6:00pm:

MARCH 26
APRIL 2
APRIL 9



CRS Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are available in the Gathering Space of our church. Your Lenten alms through CRS Rice Bowl make a global difference for millions of our sisters and brothers experiencing the greatest need.

They help families in countries like Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh to access nutritious food, build sustainable livelihoods and adapt and thrive in the face of climate change.

Please make a generous donation today and join us in praying that we may grow closer to God by serving one another this Lent. Turn in your gifts the week before Easter or you can give online at csrricebowl.org/donate.



Disciple Maker Index

DIOCESAN SURVEY—DEADLINE IS 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.



Holy Saturday

EASTER EGG HUNT & CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 10:00AM

Bring your Easter baskets and join the fun!



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Monday: Saint Aldemar

Tuesday: St. Dismas

Wednesday: Saint Margaret Clitherow

Thursday: Saint Rupert

Friday: Saint Venturino of Bergamo

Saturday: Saint Berthold

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.



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 24 in Spanish and March 31 in English.***

Readings for the Week

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

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.



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 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 23, 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 23** 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.

Dad's Group, for Work or Stay-At-Home Dads—Thursday, March 27, 12:00-2:00pm

Are you a Stay-At-Home or Homeschooling Dad? Come join other Dads for a time of Fellowship and Faith Discussion on **Thursday, March 27 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm** in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space. KidZone will be available and open for the children. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Brendan Sweeney at qoadads@gmail.com.

Just for Ladies—Thursday, March 27, 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, March 27** 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.

Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, April 1, 9:30am-10:30am

Please join us as we gather to pray for Priests on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel. from 9:30am-10:30am. For more information, please contact Donna Snyder at donnasnyder1976@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, April 1, 10:30-12:30pm

A group of over thirty women share their gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into shawls for those in need of comfort in our parish. The group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 10:30am-12:30pm in the Conference Room. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! For more information, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at ejoconnor81@gmail.com or Mary Hasher at meherbert496@gmail.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Fish Fry

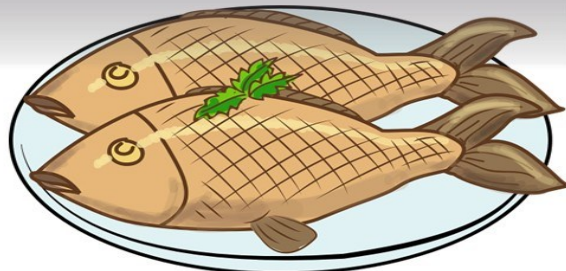
The Knights of Columbus will host a "Friday Night Fish Fry."
Dinner from 5:30pm-7:30pm on;

FRIDAY - 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.*
 - *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 on April 6

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, April 6**. Family Faith will not be meeting on March 23 or 30. 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—Next meeting on April 6

The next meeting for Youth will be on **Sunday, April 6**. Youth will not meet on March 23 or March 30. 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 on April 6

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. Sunday Adult Faith Formation will not meet on March 23 or 30.

WEDNESDAYS—OCIA—

Next meeting, Wednesday, March 26

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.

FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOP—

First workshop, Saturday, March 29

Our First Sacraments Program will continue with preparation for First Holy Communion on **Saturday, March 29** from 12pm-3pm in the MAK Family Life Center. This program is for children who are already registered and have completed their First Reconciliation. Pizza will be provided. We ask families to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please contact Anthony with any questions at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE—Sunday, April 27, after the 11:15am Mass

Students who are in this year's Confirmation Preparation Program will meet on **Sunday, April 27** after the 11:15am Mass in the Church. We ask that sponsors attend the practice if they are able or a parent to attend with the student. If you have questions, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS!

Registration is now open for our High School and Middle School summer trips! Go to our website to register today! For more information, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets:



CAROLINA ASCENT FC MATCH

CAROLINA VS DALLAS
ASCENT TRINITY

Saturday, March 29

7 PM

American Legion
Memorial Stadium

\$18 per person

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.

**We now have a registry available to
help donate needed items for VBS.
Please click on the QR Code to donate.**



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

REFLEXION:

Jesús sigue hablando y preparando el Reino de Dios, pero, para ello, necesita que la humanidad ósea nosotros como personas hagamos un verdadero cambio en nuestra vida, una conversión sincera desde lo más profundo de nuestros corazones que seamos capaces de cambiar nuestra actitud y forma de vivir para crear un mundo mejor. Ha pasado mucho tiempo y los hombres no despertamos, no tomamos conciencia de que tenemos que instaurar la paz, el amor y la justicia porque este es el estado normal de la humanidad, pero el odio y los egoísmos no nos dejan ver la luz, y esto impide que cambiemos. Por ello el evangelista nos ilustra hoy con una parábola que utilizó Jesús para hacer más comprensible su mensaje. Nos compara con una higuera que no da el esperado fruto. Esto lleva al dueño de la viña a decidir cortarla, pero su cuidador intercede ante el dueño para que la deje más tiempo, él la cuida, la quiere, la protege y seguirá abonándola para intentar que por fin dé fruto. Esa higuera somos nosotros, somos tú y yo queridos hermanos, nos decimos seguidores, pero nuestro fruto no llega nunca, queremos cambiar a los demás en lugar de cambiarnos nosotros mismos primero. Jesús nos nutre cada día con su Palabra, su ejemplo de vida, pero nosotros seguimos prefiriendo vivir de espaldas a Él, cumplir con la Eucaristía como rito antes que abrir nuestro corazón y como el barro en manos del alfarero, dejarnos amasar. Estamos viviendo tiempos muy difíciles, Jesús nos da otra oportunidad para que seamos capaces de salir de la rutina y ser una higuera fértil. Una higuera que da el fruto generoso del amor entre todos los hermanos, haciendo visible a Dios en la tierra, pero, para ello, tenemos que estar dispuestos a cambiar. En esta cuaresma nos invita también Jesús arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados que tengamos una verdadera conversión recordemos que el nos ama y tanto nos amo que entrego su vida por nosotros que la sangre que el derramo en la cruz no sea envano seamos fieles y obedientes para poder seguirle a él.

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 6 de abril! 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.