

# 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

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



A good tree does not bear  
rotten fruit, nor does a rotten  
tree bear good fruit.

*Luke 6:43*

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 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 1, 2025**

9:00am Jose R Aleonar, Jr. +  
3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm For the People  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, March 2, 2025**

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation  
9:15am John Pedroli +  
11:15am Josh Burr +

### **Monday, March 3, 2025**

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Joan Markman +  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

### **Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - Ash Wednesday**

7:00am Prayer and Ashes  
12:15pm Mass, *For the People*  
5:30pm Mass, *Gary Springmeyer +*  
7:00pm Prayer and Ashes

### **Thursday, March 6, 2025**

9:00am Jay Petruska +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, March 7, 2025**

7:30-8:30am Reconciliation  
9:00am Becky Brown +

## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, March 8, 2025-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Valentina Gomez, Phelps Reed

**EMCs:** Mary Kane, Sharon Thrumbel

**Readers:** Gail Bruno, Joe Bruno

**Hospitality:** Larry Capps, Todd Morgan

### **Sunday, March 9, 2025—9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Garrison MacAlester, Caroline Thompson, Lucy Wruble

**EMCs:** Connie Carnes, Renee Hinson

**Readers:** Ian Calligan, Richard Swakla

**Hospitality:** Laurie Mikulski; Cathy Stokes

### **Sunday, March 9, 2025—11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Molly Jurik, Ryan Jurik, Gabrielle Miller

**EMCs:** Ana Larkin, Lorraine Long

**Readers:** Gabriela Larkin, Patrick Larkin

**Hospitality:** Mary McGuinness, Yvonne Zarza

## ***Linens:***

**Sunday, March 9, 2025** Ann Bloomquist



The collection from 02-16-2025 is \$19,247.84.

The collection from 02-23-2025 is \$19,258.72.

**Thank you for your support of the parish!**

### ***Our Weekly Tithes:***

The tithe for *SOCKS* from 2-16-2025 is \$962.00. The tithe for *Shining Hope Farm* from 02-23-2025 is \$963.00. The tithe for this week is for *Belmont Back Pack Program* which provides food for the homeless children in the Belmont community so that they have meals available to them over weekends and school holidays.

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Closed on Fridays.

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Lent begins with a call to prayer and with the imposition of ashes:

**7:00 AM:** Prayer and Ashes  
**12:15 PM:** Eucharist and Ashes  
**5:30 PM:** Eucharist and Ashes  
**7:00 PM:** Prayer and Ashes

Please be generous of the DSA. Your gift helps provide the annual

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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/](https://charlottediocese.org/development/donate_dsa/) to make a donation online or click on the QR code to contribute.



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH  
FUNDRAISER AUCTION BENEFIT



# GAME TIME

*Thank you to all our sponsors  
and all who came out to support  
our fundraising auction benefit.*

*Your support is greatly  
appreciated.*

## 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**

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

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Saint Katharine Drexel  
**Tuesday:** Saint Casimir

**Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday

**Thursday:** Weekday in Lent

**Friday:** SS. Perpetua and Felicity

**Saturday:** St. John of the Cross

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## 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.*

*More information will be available soon so you can link to the survey and help with the assessment in our journey of discipleship. The survey will be available starting March 8, 2025.*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday** Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Friday** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday** Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

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



**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](mailto:mdcolone@gmail.com).*

## 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:*

***Keith Ryan in loving memory of Carol Ryan***

***Elizabeth Sisk in honor of the Sisk and Van Herpe Families***

## 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 first come, first serve.



## **Food Collection—Collection will be March 22-23**

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 22-23. Thank you for your generosity.

## **MOMS Group— Monday, March 3, 2025**

**Morning Session: 9:00am-11:00am in the Parlor (KidZone available for the morning session)**

**Evening Session: 6:30pm-7:45pm in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel**

Ministry of Mothers Sharing is resuming for the program year with two scheduled sessions in place; a morning time and an evening time! Moms, be sure to join us for a time of fellowship and faith discussion! KidZone will be available and open for the children during the morning session time. For more information, please contact Cris Forero at cforero\_perez@hotmail.com.



## **First Monday—Monday, March 3, 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, March 3** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Call, text, or email Laura Liska at 336-608-9630 (lollielive@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

## **Just for Men— Monday, March 3 at 7:30pm**

Just for Men will meet next on **Monday, March 3** at 7:30pm following the Rosary. *"The Woman We Love: Mary for Men"* will be the focus of the Just For Men Bible Study for the next three months. The topic for our February 3 meeting is *"Through Jesus to Mary,"* a discussion of how the Church's understanding of who Christ is led to truths about the Blessed Mother. Read Luke 1:39-48 and John 19:16-27. For more information, call or text Deacon Chip Wilson at 704-488-5822 or email [deaconchip@queenofthepostles.org](mailto:deaconchip@queenofthepostles.org).

## **Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, March 4, 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, March 4, 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.

## **Just for Ladies—Thursday, March 6, 7:00pm**

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions after the holidays beginning **Thursday, March 6** 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—Saturday, March 8, following the 5pm Mass**

It will be such a sensation, an evening of friends and conversation, a real lively celebration! If you are over 50 and like to have FUN, please join us for our next Young at Hearts' potluck dinner on **March 8th!** Couples and singles alike, please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Dinner begins after the 5pm Mass in the MAK Center. You can drop your dish off before Mass starting at 4pm. Save the date and join us – we're always excited to have new people! For more information, please contact Rich Dudley at [richardadudley@yahoo.com](mailto:richardadudley@yahoo.com).

## **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](mailto: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@queenofthepostles.org](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenofthepostles.org) or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

# faithformation

## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION- Meeting next - March 2, 9 and 16**

The next meeting will be on **Sunday, March 2**. Family Faith Formation will not meet on Sunday, February 23. 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 2, 9 and 16**

The next meeting for Youth will be on **Sunday, March 2**. Youth will not meet on Sunday, February 23. 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 2, 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. Please note this session will not meet on Sunday, February 23.

## **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. This will be the second of three required meets. If you have questions, Please contact Anthony at [fami-lyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:fami-lyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **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.**

**Registration opens March 1, 2025!**

## **SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN!**

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| <p><b>JUNE<br/>9-14</b></p> <p>LIFE TEEN CAMP<br/>HIDDEN LAKE<br/>DAHLONEGA, GA</p> <p>Middle School</p> | <p><b>JULY<br/>11-13</b></p> <p>CONSUMED<br/>HEBREWS 4:24</p> <p>Steubenville<br/>Conference</p> | <p><b>AUGUST<br/>4-9</b></p> <p>LIFE TEEN CAMP<br/>COVECREST<br/>TIGER, GA</p> <p>High School</p> |
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**Please contact Anthony  
Beauregard for more information.**

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## REFLEXION:

Los textos de las sagradas escrituras que hoy se proclaman nos invitan a mirar más allá de las apariencias que nos presentan las relaciones humanas. Con imágenes que nos recuerdan los refranes antiguos, el libro del Eclesiástico nos advierte que debemos escuchar las palabras del otro, su razonamiento y su mentalidad antes de establecer cualquier relación de importancia. Jesús, en el Evangelio, sitúa esta advertencia entre la relación entre el maestro y el discípulo y, por fin, en la relación entre hermanos y hermanas, que sería la mejor de todas las relaciones, la que nace de la fe y la que se vive en la comunidad de los discípulos. Hipócrita es el hermano o la hermana que ve los defectos del otro, pero no ve los propios. Para Jesús, primero hay que atender y sanar aquello que, dentro del corazón, evidentemente se opone a la misericordia y a la reconciliación antes de que se acuse a los demás de cualquier defecto. Si bien los fariseos recibieron del Señor este engaño con frecuencia, también nos viene bien a nosotros, hoy Jesús nos invita a que cada uno entre en la intimidad de su corazón y vea lo que hay en él, pues cuando se realizan juicios contra los demás, en realidad se está juzgando el propio comportamiento de uno mismo, el cual se pretende ocultar con aires de superioridad. Creemos que ver la paja en el ojo de la otra persona es fácil, pero en realidad es imposible si tienes una viga en el tuyo, la paja que vez es tuya, y forma parte de la viga... que fácilmente podemos caer en esa actitud hipócrita que el Evangelio señala. Por eso nuestra fe debe vislumbrar más allá de las apariencias en nuestras relaciones humanas, para establecer nudos de amor que se nutren de la fe en Aquel que nos convoca y nos sostiene con su gracia. Seamos realmente hermanos de corazón sin juzgarnos los unos a los otros. Vivamos y reflexionemos este mensaje.

Que Dios Les Bendiga

P. José Antonio Juya V.

## 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 o 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 HERNANDEZ: 704-747-8690 o CLAUDIA MENDOZA: 704-621-9917. Las aplicaciones están disponibles con ellas.

## MIERCOLES DE CENIZA

Tendremos la celebración del miércoles de ceniza el 5 de marzo a las 8:00 pm en español tendremos la santa misa e imposición de cenizas.

## 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 2 de marzo! 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.

### ¿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.