

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 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, November 30, 2024

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm For the People

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, December 1, 2024

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am Elaine Pizzuto +

11:15am Mary Newton +

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Elijah Chua +

7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

9:00am Mass

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

5:30pm Timothy Donahue +

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:00am Geno Carinci +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, December 6, 2024

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Margaret Reeves Mayes +

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PARISH OFFICE:

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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Office #: 704-825-9600

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, December 7, 2024—5:00pm

Altar Servers: Valentina Gomez, Natalia Gomez

EMCs: Sharon Thrumbel, Lorraine Long

Readers: Alison Nolting, Patty Topper

Hospitality: Peter Liberatore, Rich Dudley

Sunday, December 8, 2024—9:15am

Altar Servers: Zoe Barthelemy, Gabrielle Miller, Ryan Jurik, Bella Miller

EMCs: Colleen Sutton, Carmen Miron

Readers: Rich Stipanovic, Elizabeth Sisk

Hospitality: Bill Patz, Suzanne Patz

Sunday, December 8, 2024—11:15am

Altar Servers: Molly Jurik, Savannah Butler, Ryan Jurik

EMCs: Gerry McDonough, Ana Larkin

Readers: Bethsy SanMillan, Jerome Butler

Hospitality: Mary McGuinness, Billy McHenry

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Kimber Zappia, Steve Bernard, Laurie Mikulski, Anthony Farinella & Family



The collection from 11-24-2024 will be in the next bulletin.
Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe from 11-24-2024 for QOA Thanksgiving will be in the next bulletin.

The tithe for this week will be for Gaston Skills Inc. which offers a second chance at work related skills for those in need of independence and dignity.



Season of Advent

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Thursday Evenings from 5:30-6:30pm

DAILY MASSES
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00am
Wednesdays at 5:30pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Sundays from 8:15-8:45am
Mondays from 8:00-8:30am
Fridays from 7:30-8:30am
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

*is a Holy Day of Observation
which will be observed on Monday, December 9.
Masses will be at 12:15pm & 6:30pm.*

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9.



Angel Tree

Pick a tag from the tree in the Gathering Space. Please be sure to sign out your angel providing your name and contact information. Wrap your gift with the tag on top of your gift and **return your gift to the giving tree by Sunday, December 8.**

Christmas Food Boxes Saturday, December 21, 7am

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.

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A CHILD, A KING

Celebrating the Son
of the Father's Love

ANNUAL CANTATA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 4PM
QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CHURCH

Mark you calendars so you don't miss it!

MARTY PARKS

Lorenz

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: Saint Bibiana

Tuesday: Saint Francis Xavier

Wednesday: Saint John Damascene

Thursday: Saint Sabas

Friday: Saint Nicholas

Saturday: Saint Ambrose

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.



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.



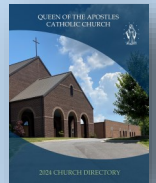
Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the Rosary will be recited weekly in-person as well as LiveStream.

*The next Rosary Recitation will be on **December 2** in English, **December 9** in Creole, **December 16** in English, **December 23** in Spanish and **December 30** in Tagalog.*

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.



Readings for the Week

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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

are in honor of:

Tara Kennedy & Greg Glen Wedding

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 Chandler, 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.



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, Mac n cheese, grits, condiments, tomato sauce, pasta. 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.

MOMS Group— Will next meet on Monday, December 2

Morning Session: 9:00am-11:00am in the Parlor (KidZone opened)

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

Ministry of Mothers Sharing will next meet on **Monday, December 2**; 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. Facilitators for the groups will be Samantha Kessler, Jen Miller and Cris Forero. For more information, please contact Cris Forero at cforero_perez@hotmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—will next meet on Tuesday, December 3, 10:30am

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will next be meeting on **Tuesday, December 3 at 10:30am**. Please join us as we gathering to prepare gifts for the homebound followed by a luncheon. Contact Mary Hasher at meherbert496@gmail.com with any questions.

Just for Ladies—Will meet on December 5 at 7:00pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, December 5** 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.

School of Community —Sunday, December 8, 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, December 8** 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 next meet on Tuesday, December 10, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group will not meet on the second Monday in December due to the Holy Day observance on Monday, December 9. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 10 at 1:00pm**. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

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.

Community Christmas Breakfast

Visit by Santa!—December 14, 8-11am

Our special Community Christmas breakfast is happening on December 14th from 8 -11 am at the Family Life Center. Please come and join us for some special breakfast treats and Christmas crafts for the children and of course with a visit by Santa himself and an opportunity to get a free picture with Santa! Hope to see and serve you again!

The Elvish Breakfast Team



Advent Retreat —

Friday, December 13 & Saturday, December 14

Join us at Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church as we gather with fellow parishioners for a time of reflection, fellowship, and prayer during the Advent season. All are welcome! No RSVP necessary. Come for all or part of it. The retreat will be in St. Katharine Drexel Hall. The schedule is as follows: **Friday, December 13**; Evening Reflection with Fr. Scott A. Hasting from the Archdiocese of Omaha at 6:30pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm. On **Saturday, December 14**, the schedule is as follows: Mass at 9am, Coffee Break at 9:30am, Morning Reflection with Dr. Alessandro Rovati at 10am, Silence & Personal Prayer at 11am, Lunch at 12pm, Small Groups at 1:00pm and Closing Assembly at 2pm.

The Sisters of Mercy—Christmas Concert

Featuring Andrew Finn Magill, Violinist

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm

Cardinal Gibbons Chapel

Sacred Heart Convent, Belmont

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

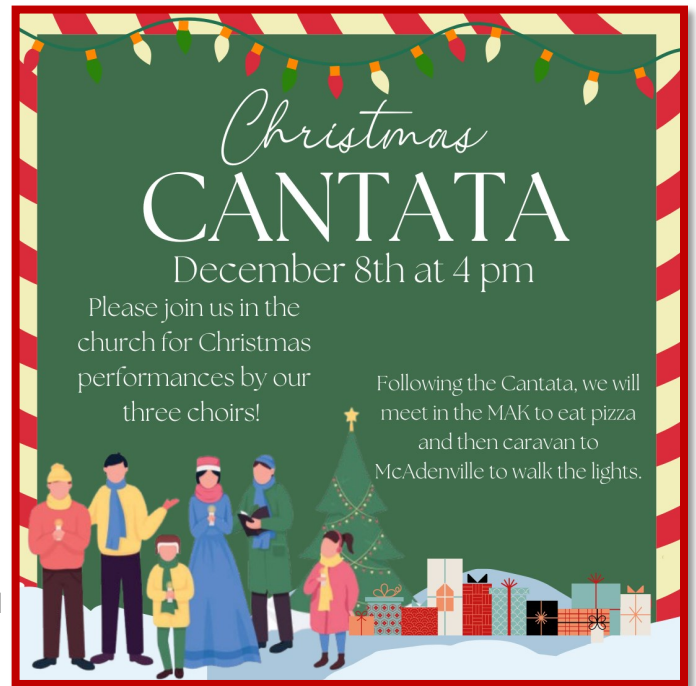
Next Meet—December 1

Family Faith Formation will meet on **December 1, 8 and 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

Next Meet—December 1

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! Join us as we continue the Youth Ministry Talk Series!



Christmas
CANTATA
December 8th at 4 pm

Please join us in the church for Christmas performances by our three choirs!

Following the Cantata, we will meet in the MAK to eat pizza and then caravan to McAdenville to walk the lights.

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 1**.

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, W

\$250



SAVE THE DATE!

PLEASE SEE ANTHONY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

Hermanos: Hoy comenzamos el tiempo del Adviento que significa tiempo de espera, tiempo de preparación para la celebración de la Navidad. Es una oportunidad muy bella para alimentar nuestras almas espiritualmente, es decir, poner en orden nuestras vidas para poder celebrar este tiempo de gozo que es la celebración de la Navidad. No olvidemos que la Navidad significa Vida, encuentro con Jesús. Cada año todos nos entusiasmos en estos días de diciembre, y todo depende del significado que cada uno le dé a esta época decembrina. Para los que no creen en Jesús, pues todo gira alrededor de la parte económica, alrededor de la sociedad consumista y el centro de atracción será siempre Santa Claus y los regalos, pero nada más; pero para los cristianos, para los que creemos en la venida de Jesús, el Niño Dios, nuestra actitud será muy diferente y se dará en una preparación espiritual muy seria y alegre, porque es celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús no sólo el recuerdo, sino renovar ese nacimiento en nuestra propia vida. Por eso este tiempo es un tiempo de gracia y de amor para cada uno de nosotros, porque una vez más tenemos la oportunidad de renovar nuestro compromiso con Jesús a través de una conversión seria, con oración, con la práctica de las obras de caridad con nuestro prójimo y el mejor regalo es abrir nuestro corazón a Jesús y darlo a conocer a los demás con nuestro testimonio de vida. Los invito a prepararnos con mucha alegría a través de la oración, especialmente con el rezo del Santo rosario, tanto en familia como con nuestros amigos. Necesitamos entrar en esa dimensión espiritual para poder celebrar con gozo la Navidad.

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 1 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.