

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

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm



Everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.

LUKE 14:11

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 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, August 30, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Kathryn Rello Colwell +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, August 31, 2025

9:15am For the People
11:15am The Musialowski Family +

Monday, September 1, 2025—Labor Day Holiday—Office Closed

9:00am Communion Service
7:00pm No Recitation of the Rosary

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

5:30pm Communion Service

Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00am Communion Service
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, September 5, 2025

7:30am-8:30am No Reconciliation
9:00am Communion Service

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PARISH OFFICE:

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Office #: 704-825-9600

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, September 6, 2025-

No Mass at 5:00pm

Saturday, September 6, 2025—

No Mass at 7:00pm

Sunday, September 7, 2025—9:15am

Altar Servers: Aidan Oplinger, Carter Phillips,
Amelia Powers, Jonah St. Romain

EMCs: Carmen Miron, Deborah Eagon

Readers: Cam Tracy, Elizabeth Sisk

Hospitality: Jayne Clark, Brad Clark

Sunday, September 7, 2025—11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Gabrielle Miller,
Adam D'Souza, Brooke Murphy

EMCs: Bethsy SanMillan, Colleen Sutton

Readers: Thomas Sims, Terri Wilson

Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza

Please note:

We will not have the 5:00pm Mass or the 7:00pm Mass here at Queen of the Apostles Church on Saturday, September 6—the day of the Eucharistic Congress.

We would like to provide our parishioners the opportunity to partake in the Eucharistic Congress Procession and attend the Holy Mass led by Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv on **Saturday, September 6, 5:30pm at the Charlotte Convention Center.**

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Carolina Lopez, Laurie Mikulski

Linens:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Joan Donohue



The collection from 08-24-2025 is \$18,288.30.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for CRO from 08-24-2025 is \$914.00.

The tithe for this week is for the BCO. BCO provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

This weekend we approach Labor Day, a time in our national calendar when we pause to recognize the value and dignity of work. For many, it is a welcome holiday, marking the close of summer; but as Catholics, we are called to see it as more than a long weekend. The Church's teaching on the dignity of work reminds us that labor is not just an economic necessity—it is a participation in God's own creative activity. From the very beginning, God entrusted the human family with the care of the earth and the task of cultivating it. In Christ, our work—whether in the home, the office, the field, the classroom, or anywhere else—can be offered as a gift of love that serves others and glorifies God.

The dignity of work is one of the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. It means that every person's labor has value, not merely because of what it produces, but because of the inherent worth of the worker. The rights of workers—to fair wages, safe working conditions, rest, and the ability to provide for their families—flow from their dignity as children of God. As Pope St. John Paul II once wrote, "Work is for man, not man for work." This Labor Day, may we give thanks for the work we are able to do, pray for those who seek employment, and remember that in every honest task, we are co-workers with the Lord.

Looking ahead, our **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress** will take place next weekend, Friday and Saturday, September 5–6, at the Charlotte Convention Center in Uptown Charlotte. Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv., will celebrate the **closing Mass at 5:30 PM on Saturday, September 6**. At his request, there will be **no 5:00 PM or 7:00 PM Masses at Queen of the Apostles that Saturday** so that all may take part in the celebration Uptown. I encourage you to consider attending some of the beautiful liturgies, devotions, and presentations that make up this annual gathering of our diocesan family.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul

CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 2025

You Belong Here

YouBelong2025.com

Charlotte Convention Center | FREE

**Rediscover hope.
Renew your spirit.
Walk with Christ.**

Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at www.YouBelong2025.com.



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Please welcome Fr. Iacona, who will speak at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America. Please be generous in your response to Fr. Iacona's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Labor Day, St. Giles

Tuesday: Saint Ingrid of Sweden

Wednesday: Saint Gregory the Great

Thursday: Saint Rosalia

Friday: The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday: Saint Eleutherius

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.



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025

Please be generous to 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.



Weekly Rosary

The Rosary will be recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed from our website on our livestreaming channel.

Please note that the Rosary will not be recited on Monday, September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday. The next Rosary Recitation will be on September 8 in English, September 15 in Creole, September 22 in English and September 29 in Spanish.

Readings for the Week

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11

Friday Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5

Sunday Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

Altar Flower Intentions

Altar Flower dedications, *in honor of or in memory of loved ones*, can be made by going to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org. A link to reserve flower dedications can be found on the homepage of our website. 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 dedicated by:

Michelle Raney in loving memory of Joseph & Regina Musialowski

Marilyn Warmington in loving memory of Florentin Bley

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.

The next Baptismal preparation session will be scheduled sometime soon. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

More information regarding the next session will be available soon.

Catherine's House Annual Car Raffle

*Proceeds benefit women and children at Catherine's House experiencing homelessness and a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Mercy. Tickets and information can be found online at catherineshouseinc.org/engage. **The Facebook live drawing will be held on December 4, 2025 and the winner does not need to be present to win.***

Food Collection—Collection will be September 27-28

Food Collection - September's donations will be collected for CRO in Mt. Holly. Requested items are: boxed cereals, canned meats, pasta and pasta sauce, canned sweet peas, carrots, and string beans (please no other canned beans). mac and cheese, and jelly. Please bring your donations to the altar the weekend of September 27-28th, and place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your continued support.

School of Community —Sunday, August 31, 2:00pm

Join our parish's School of Community once every two weeks for a moment of fellowship in which we grow in our knowledge of the faith and our awareness of how the Good News of our Lord is actively working in and transforming our daily lives. Come as you are, no membership required! Our next gathering is on **Sunday, August 31** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at goa.soc@yahoo.com.

First Monday—will not meet in September on Labor Day, next meeting is Monday, October 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, October 6** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Call, text, or email Laura Liska at 336-608-9630 (lolielive@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

Just for Men—will not meet in September on Labor Day, next meeting is Monday, October 6 following the 7pm Rosary

There will be no Just for Men Bible study on September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday. We will resume **Monday, October 6** after the 7pm Rosary with our study of the Book of Revelation. Read Revelation 12 and review "The Woman and the Dragon" (pages 76-80 in the study guide.) For more information or to get a copy of the study guide, text Deacon Chip at 704.488.5822 or email deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, September 2, 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, September 2, 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.

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you know someone that wants to
join the Church?**

**Join us: Wednesday, August 27, 6:15pm-7:30pm
MAK Family Life Center**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through a journey of faith formation, study, prayer, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. A group of interested adults engage in conversation, ask questions, discuss issues, break open the Word, and learn about the Catholic Church's history, symbols, and beliefs. They then fully enter into the period of enlightenment as they prepare for their initiation into the church during the Easter Vigil.

If you are interested in joining OCIA, or know someone who might be, please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 or email parishops@queenoftheapostles.org. Register by clicking on the QR Code:



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™
CONFERENCE SERIES

Married and engaged couples are invited to the seventh annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on November 22, 2025 from 8:00am -3:15pm at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Arden, NC and St. Ann Catholic Church in Charlotte, NC. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/Child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through October 13 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Charlotte. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/DOC or email TH@forlifeandfamily.org.

KidZone

If you are interested in helping out with our KidZone Ministry here at church on Sunday mornings, please submit your letter of interest and resume to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

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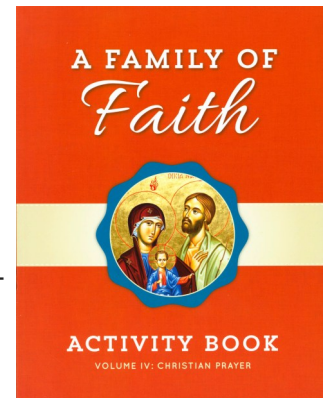
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION—REGISTER NOW! **Program starts on September 14, 10:30am-11:00am**

Registration is open for the Family Faith Formation 2025-2026 program year! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8!

Join us as we dig deeper into our faith with **A Family of Faith -Volume IV: Christian Prayer** which starts on **Sunday, September 14!** The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Meeting spaces will be designated for different levels based on ages. Be sure to look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements and by connecting to our flocknote group. You can connect to the Flocknote group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**.

Catechists are still needed! Please reach out to Anthony with any questions or if you have an interest in teaching.

For more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



YOUTH MINISTRIES—REGISTER NOW! **Program starts on September 14, 5:00pm-7:30pm**

Join us for our Youth Ministries kickoff on **Sunday, September 14** from 5-7:30pm 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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION—New Meeting Space **Program starts on September 14, 10:30am-11:00am, in the Parlor**

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class will resume once again this year! This class will operate on the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us on Sunday mornings, starting September 14 with Dr. Rovati in the Parlor from 10:30am-11:00am!

CONFIRMATION

Registration will take place at the Mandatory Parent/Youth Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center.

Starting this year, we will begin a new preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation! This program will now be part of the Family Faith Formation program beginning in 7th Grade for first year prep with 8th grade being considered the second year. Parents do not have to stay for the Family Faith/Confirmation Program. This program will begin on the first day of Family Faith, September 14 and will take place in the St. Benedict Education Center. Youth who have completed their 7th year Family Faith Formation program have completed their first-year requirement.



We love having you as part of our Flock!

Keep in touch with us via email and text! Text **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576** for Family of Faith updates or **QOAYOUTHMINISTRY** to the number **84576** for Youth Ministries updates.

For more information, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Este fin de semana nos acercamos al Día del Trabajo, un momento en nuestro calendario nacional para reconocer el valor y la dignidad del trabajo. Para muchos, es un feriado bienvenido que marca el final del verano; pero como católicos, estamos llamados a verlo como algo más que un fin de semana largo. La enseñanza de la Iglesia sobre la dignidad del trabajo nos recuerda que el trabajo no es solo una necesidad económica, sino una participación en la misma actividad creadora de Dios. Desde el principio, Dios confió a la familia humana el cuidado de la tierra y la tarea de cultivarla. En Cristo, nuestro trabajo—ya sea en el hogar, la oficina, el campo, la escuela o en cualquier otro lugar—puede ofrecerse como un don de amor que sirve a los demás y glorifica a Dios.

La dignidad del trabajo es uno de los siete temas de la Doctrina Social Católica. Significa que el trabajo de cada persona tiene valor, no solo por lo que produce, sino por la dignidad inherente del trabajador. Los derechos de los trabajadores—a un salario justo, condiciones seguras, descanso y la capacidad de mantener a sus familias—fluyen de su dignidad como hijos de Dios. Como escribió una vez San Juan Pablo II: “El trabajo es para el hombre, no el hombre para el trabajo.” En este Día del Trabajo, demos gracias por el trabajo que podemos realizar, recemos por quienes buscan empleo y recordemos que en toda labor honesta somos colaboradores con el Señor.

Mirando hacia adelante, nuestro **Congreso Eucarístico Diocesano** tendrá lugar el próximo fin de semana, viernes y sábado 5 y 6 de septiembre, en el Centro de Convenciones de Charlotte, en *Uptown* Charlotte. El Obispo Michael Martin, OFM Conv., celebrará la **Misa de clausura a las 5:30 PM el sábado 6 de septiembre**. A petición suya, **no habrá Misas a las 5:00 PM ni a las 7:00 PM en Queen of the Apostles ese sábado**, para que todos puedan participar en la celebración en *Uptown*. Les animo a considerar la posibilidad de asistir a algunas de las bellas liturgias, devociones y presentaciones que forman parte de este encuentro anual de nuestra familia diocesana.

En Cristo,

P. Paul

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR- ¡REGÍSTRATE AHORA!

La registración para la formación de fe en familia de 2025-2026 está abierta ahora en línea! Este es el programa de catequesis principal de Reina de los Apóstoles y llena los requisitos y requerimientos para los niños/as en K-8 grado!

¡Únase a nosotros mientras profundizamos en nuestra fe con Una Familia de Fe - Volumen IV: Oraciones Cristianas que comienza el domingo 14 de septiembre! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y dona, seguido de la reunión. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el edificio de Educación, asegúrese de buscar más información en los próximos anuncios del boletín.



CAFÉ DEL MES

El sábado 30 de agosto los invitamos a pasar un rato agradable en nuestro café del mes. Puedes traer algo para compartir en comunidad. Todos invitados después de la Santa Misa en el MAK CENTER.

COLECTA DE COMIDA

Recogeremos los siguientes alimentos para SOCKS en agosto: maíz enlatado, carnes enlatadas, cereal, salsa para espagueti, pasta, mantequilla de cacahuete y mermelada. Por favor, lleven sus donaciones al altar y colóquenlas en las canastas provistas el fin de semana del 30 y 31 de agosto. Gracias por su generosidad.

PASTORAL DE DUELO

Sí tienes un duelo que no has podido sanar, te invitamos a las charlas de Duelo que empezarán el miércoles 3 de septiembre / 2025. Por favor, para más información, contactar a la señora Alba Sepúlveda 704-906-9686.