



# QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES



*Reina de los Apostoles*  
A Catholic Community  
*Comunidad Catolica de Belmont*

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September 4, 2022  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Weekday Eucharist** Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am;  
Wednesday 5:30pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:00am  
Holy Days: 9:00am and 7:00pm

**Weekend Eucharist** Saturday: 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español)  
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00am

**Reconciliation:** Friday 7:30-8:30am & Saturday 3:30-4:30pm  
By Appointment

**Misa en Español:** Todos los Sabados a 7:00pm

**Baptism:** This important sign of initiation is celebrated on Saturday mornings. Parents must complete the preparation program. Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

**Marriage:** This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

**Anointing of the Sick:** If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

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## 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.

### ***Masses This Week***

#### **Saturday, September 3, 2022**

9:00am Mass—First Saturday  
5:00pm For the People  
7:00pm Misa en español

#### **Sunday, September 4, 2022**

9:15am Patricia Wil +  
11:00am Mass

#### **Monday, September 5, 2022**

9:00am For Workers & the Unemployed  
(No Rosary Recitation)

#### **Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

No Services

#### **Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

5:30pm Margaret Hunkovic +

#### **Thursday, September 8, 2022**

9:00am Mass

#### **Friday, September 9, 2022**

9:00am Vincent Guettler +

### ***St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Is Open Daily for Private Prayer***

***Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30am-4:15pm***

***Wednesdays from 8:30am-5:45pm***

***Fridays from 8:30am-12:15pm***

***Closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day***

### **Liturgical Ministers:**

**Saturday, September 10, 2022—5:00pm**

**Readers:** JeanMarie Panzica, Lawton Blandford

**EMCs:** Al Hess, Rich Pasqualone

**Altar Servers:** Janette Blandford, Valentina Gomez

**Hospitality:** Elizabeth Atterberry, Todd Morgan

**Sunday, September 11, 2022—9:15am Mass**

**Readers:** Pat Lynch, TJ St. Romain

**EMCs:** Adrianna Echeverri, Colleen Sutton

**Altar Servers:** Daniel Sanchez, Zoe Barthelemy,  
Mia Lopez

**Hospitality:** Brian Litfin, Bill McMaster

**Sunday, September 11, 2022—11:00am Mass**

**Readers:** Gabriela & Patrick Larkin

**EMCs:** Sue Dolphin, Jay McGuinness

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Maggie Calabro,  
Sarah Forero

**Hospitality Ministers:** Billy McHenry, Mike Proud

### **Donut Ministry:**

**Sunday, September 11, 2022—9:15am**

Carmela MacDonald, Laurie Mikulski, Jane Turner

**MASS TIME CHANGE  
Beginning September 11  
11:00 am Mass  
Changes to 11:15 am**

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR  
THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:  
Victor Reyes & Paty Hernandez  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
Artemio Juya Vargas**

## **Collections**

**Collection: 08-28-2022: \$21,642.50**

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

### **Our Weekly Tithes:**

Because of your generosity in the collection last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$1,082.00 to SOCKS. This week our tithe goes to Shining Hope Farm using riding therapy to assist adults and children with developmental and other disabilities. Our tithe helps clients in financial need.

### **Office Hours**

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-4:30**

**Wednesday, 8:30-6:00**

**Friday, 8:30-12:30**

**Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30**

**Office Closed on Monday, September 5  
for Labor Day**

**FAITH**  
MORE PRECIOUS  
THAN GOLD 1 PETER 1:7



Please be generous to the DSA. Your contribution is a way to act with love for our sisters and brothers throughout the diocese and to continue the saving work begun by Jesus. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the parish office or go to [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online.

## From the Pastor's Desk...

As we come once again to Labor Day, the summer season starts to wind down. Summers always seem to fly by very quickly, but this one seemed to go even faster than they usually do! As everyone settles into the new school year and back into the routine of sports and other activities, it's nice for me to see the pews start to fill up again. Gathering to worship God as a community is so important; if you've been away, for whatever reason, welcome back!

As I always like to recall, the month of September is typically kept as a time to contemplate Our Lady of Sorrows, one of the titles of Mary. All of the seven sorrows of Our Lady have a Scriptural basis: the prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35), the flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15), the search for Jesus in Jerusalem (Luke 2:43-48), encountering Jesus as he carried his cross (Luke 23:26-28), standing at the foot of the Cross (John 19:25-27), the Crucifixion itself (John 19:30), and the burial of Jesus (Luke 23:55-56). Throughout the month, I invite you to spend time with some of these scenes from the lives of Jesus and Mary, praying with them, and uniting your own sufferings with theirs. These sorrows of Mary remind us that, as an intercessor, she understands the grief that life can bring. Even as she stood at the foot of the cross, though, Mary believed in the power of the Resurrection, and never lost hope. Neither should we lose hope in the midst of our sufferings, because we too believe in the Resurrection!

Remember that next Sunday, September 11, is the first weekend of our new Mass schedule. The only change is to move the second Mass on Sunday 15 minutes later, to 11:15 AM. This will accommodate our new "Family of Faith" catechesis program which will occur between our Sunday morning Masses. We are looking forward to beginning this new program! I pray that it'll bring us all a renewed sense of faith and confidence in God, who wants us not just to know him, but to love him, and to serve him in our neighbor.

- Father Paul

## **Catholic Night at the Charlotte Knights**

The final summer event is a Catholic Night at the Charlotte Knights on Friday, **September 9**. Our sponsor package includes throwing out the first pitch (with our own Sr. Lucia of the Daughters of the Virgin Mother), a video segment with the Bishop, interviews, and other opportunities to highlight the diocese during the game. And fireworks! We also have limited discounted seats available (just \$10 each!) along the first base line. You can purchase discount tickets at link: <https://charlottediocese.org/catholic-night-at-the-charlotte-knights-2022/>.

## **LIVE Streaming**

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our website at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.



## Altar Flowers

With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two memorial arrangements at weekend Masses. Flowers are ordered by calling the church office.

## **KIDZONE Available Staff Position**

Our KidZone Ministry needs another staff member to add to the team. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Debbie for more information at 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 or [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org). Deadline to apply for this position is **September 25**.



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12;  
Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day,  
any readings from the Mass  
"For the Blessings of Human  
Labor," nos. 907-911

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11;  
Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31;  
Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a  
or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27;  
Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42

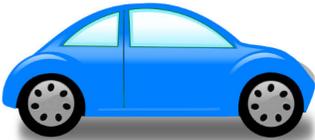
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22;  
Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;  
Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14;  
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19;  
1 Tm 1:12-17;  
Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]

## Sick and Homebound

*Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered:*

Patrick Bragg, Ducky Huffstetler,  
Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight



## Catherine's House 20th Annual Car Raffle

Catherine's House will be visiting our parish the weekend of **September 24-25**. They will sell car raffle tickets to support their ministry. Tickets cost \$10 for one or \$30 for a book of five. They will accept cash, checks and credit cards as payments. You can also purchase online at [www.catherineshouseinc.org](http://www.catherineshouseinc.org).

## K of C LAMB Foundation (Least Among My Brethren)

The K of C LAMB Foundation raises funds to assist people with intellectual disabilities in North Carolina. Our Knights will sell raffle after Masses the weekends of **September 10-11**, **October 9-10** and **November 12-13**. Tickets are \$5 each or 6 for \$25. Numerous prizes are available including 3 handmade quilts, 3 baskets of cheer and a car care package. Contact Dan Turner at 704-648-5511 for more information.

## Men's Retreat: *Practical Holiness*

"Be who you are...and be that well." Learn how to live the practical holiness of St. Francis de Sales in today's world. Men's retreat held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory on **October 7-9** includes powerful conferences, divine office, adoration, Mass, discussions, indoor/outdoor reflection time and MORE! Visit [www.catholicconference.org](http://www.catholicconference.org), email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org) or call 828-327-7441.

## First Monday

On the first Monday of each month, we make meals for three shelters in our community. Lots of fun and laughter are going on in the kitchen from 1:00-4:00pm. Call Kathy Guzman at 704-806-3737 for more information or just come join us! **We will not meet on Labor Day, September 5.** We meet next on **October 3.**

## Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly in-person as well as LiveStream The rosary will be recited on **September 12** in Creole, **September 19** in English, **September 26** in Tagalog. **There is no recitation on September 5.**

## Deployed Military

*Please keep our deployed military in your prayers:* Pvt. Mikhail T. Uloth

## Friends Helping Friends

Registered parishioners are invited to post requests for services needed or services they are able to provide on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Please use only the forms provided on the shelf beneath the board—no personal notices or resumes. Please copy the information from the board if you are making use of it and leave the posted slips so that others may also take advantage of the opportunities.

LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY  
BE FOUND IN THE BASKET  
IN THE CHURCH  
GATHERING SPACE

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Labor Day

**Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Friday:** St. Peter Claver

**Saturday:** Blessed Virgin Mary

## 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 join the prayer ministry and do not have access to a computer but have VOICE MAIL, please contact the church office. You will be called with the daily prayer requests.

## Stewardship

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

# community happenings

## DINOMITES



Our Dinomites Soccer team is back on the calendar for this fall! This program is for the youngest members of our parish, ages 3-6. The program meets here on the parish campus on Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:15pm. Register now! The season has begun but you can still join the fun. For more information, please contact Debbie at [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org)



## Food Collection

September's collection goes to the Diocese of Charlotte. They need canned pasta (Chef Boyardee), canned fruit, tuna, chicken breast, cooking oil, cereals, mac and cheese, grits, oatmeal, peanut butter, snacks, juice, spaghetti pasta and spaghetti sauce (no glass jars please). Bring your donations to the altar and place in the baskets provided on the weekend of **September 24-25**. Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 10:30-12:30. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! Contact Elizabeth O'Connor at 704-964-2626 or [ejconnor81@gmail.com](mailto:ejconnor81@gmail.com). The next meeting is on **September 6** in the Conference Room.

## Community Breakfast

Come extend your Labor Day week with a scrumptious and free pancake breakfast! Please join us on Saturday, **September 10** from 8:00-11:00am in the MAK Family Life Center for our famous pancake, French toast and waffle breakfast. Hope to see you and serve you again!

## Rosary Makers

Free rosaries are available in the narthex. Need a rosary repaired? Simply put your broken rosary parts in an envelope with your name and phone number and drop at the church office. We also teach how to make twine rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. We meet from 10:30am-12:30pm on the same Saturdays as our community breakfasts. The next meeting is **September 10**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Jemi Mendoza at 704-460-4503 or at [jemi.mendoza@icloud.com](mailto:jemi.mendoza@icloud.com).

## School of Community

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. We gather together so that we might sustain each other in our journey of faith and grow in our Christian vocation. The next gathering is on Sunday, **September 11** at 3:30pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information contact Alessandro Rovati at [ale.rova@gmail.com](mailto:ale.rova@gmail.com).

## Well-Read Mom

Well-Read Mom (WRM) is a way for women to reclaim time to read the best. The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship in the process. Our groups are open to women at all stages of life (not just moms!) Join us on Tuesday, **September 13** at 7:00pm in Drexel Hall as we begin a new year of reading and sharing. Contact Rachele to RSVP or for more information at [raramz@gmail.com](mailto:raramz@gmail.com) or visit [wellreadmom.com](http://wellreadmom.com).

## Widows: Side by Side

Our newly formed Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on Monday, **September 19** in the Conference Room off the MAK Family Life Center. If you need information, please contact Jeanne LaFrancis at [pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org) or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1006.



## Faith Formation Religious Education for Elementary and Middle School -

Starting this fall, we are excited to announce *A Family of Faith* as our new primary Catechesis program for Elementary and Middle School children in Grades PreK through 8. This program fulfills the religious education requirements for children and provides faith formation for other parish members as well. For more information or to register, please go online at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) or contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 1005.

### Do you have a rising 1st Grader?



First grade is a wonderful year for children to be enrolled in the *Family of Faith* program or our first grade Summer Faith Formation program. It is required by the diocese that children complete first grade Faith Formation to be able to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. If your child is registered in Catholic school, no further action is required as they receive their religious education in school. When your child enters second grade in 2023, you will need to register him or her in the First Sacraments program.

### Do you have a rising 7th Grader?



Seventh grade students must be enrolled in the *Family of Faith* program to be eligible to be enrolled in the eighth grade Confirmation program or attending a Catholic school. It is required by the diocese that children complete seventh grade religious education to be able to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in eighth grade. If your child is registered in Catholic school, no further action is required as they receive their religious education in school. When your child enters eighth grade in 2023, you will need to register him or her in the Confirmation program.

## EDGE Middle School Youth- **KICKOFF NIGHT - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21- 6:00-7:30**



Middle School Youth registration is open online! Edge is our middle school youth ministry program designed to lead teens closer to Christ! Register online at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). For more information, please contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 or [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Life Teen High School Youth- **KICKOFF NIGHT- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21- 6:00-7:30**



Life Teen High School Youth registration is open online! Life Teen is our high school youth ministry program designed to lead teens closer to Christ! Register online at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). For more information, please contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 or [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org).

## NOW OPEN FOR 9:15AM & 11:00AM MASSES

KidZone is open for the youngest members of our church ages 6 months – 3 years of age during the 9:15am and 11:00am Masses each Sunday. KidZone is located off the Gathering Space as you enter church. For the safety and security of your children, we are currently using *KidCheck* as our check-in solution to bring you the best experience and allow us to partner with you to keep your children safe. Please set up an account prior to taking your child to Kidzone or a KidZone staff member will be happy to help you set one up. Just go to [www.kidcheck.com](http://www.kidcheck.com) and select 'sign-up' and then click the box 'Free Kidcheck Account for Parents.'



## Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume Thursday, **September 8** from 7:00 - 8:30 in the MAK Family Life Center. We will continue studying Women of the Old Testament. If you have never been part of a Bible Study in the past or have studied for years you are welcome. For more information contact Janet Blaylock at [goajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:goajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com).

## Just for Men

Just for Men Bible Study will next meet on **Monday, October 3** from 7:30 - 8:30 in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space. The group will not meet in September. Join us as we study *The Gospel According to John*. For more information contact Roger Duncan 412-289-9147 or Deacon Chip at 704-448-5822 or [deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org).

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## Ministerio Del Circo

EL MINISTERIO DEL CIRCO de los Estados Unidos La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos ha viajado, durante casi 125 años, y atendió a los artistas circuenses, trabajadores, propietarios y sus familias. Hay muchas maneras de ayudar al ministerio, si usted está interesado, comunicarse con el Padre Frank Cancro, el capellán del circo nacional en EE.UU. Las donaciones están disponibles en línea a través del web site de la iglesia [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) o usando el código QR en el fondo y elija Circus Ministry

## Colecta de Comida

La colecta de comida del mes de septiembre será para la diócesis de Charlotte. Ellos estarán necesitando. pasta enlatada (Chef Boyardee), fruta enlatada, atún, pechugas de pollo, aceite de cocina, cereales, macarrones con queso, sémola, avena, mantequilla de maní, bocadillos, jugos, pasta de espagueti y salsa de espagueti (sin frascos de vidrio, por favor). Traiga sus donaciones al altar y colóquelas en las canastas provistas del fin de semana del 24 al 25 de septiembre. Gracias por su generosidad con los necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

## Formación de Fé en Familia

¡A partir de este otoño, nos complace anunciar Una Familia de Fé como el nuevo programa de catequesis para escuela primaria de la Iglesia Reina de los Apóstoles! Los objetivos de este programa de catequesis familiar son para alentar y equipar a los padres, para vivir y enseñar a sus hijos la fe católica con la enseñanza proporcionada por nuestra iglesia. ¡Se le proporcionará todo el conocimiento y las herramientas que necesita para avivar su fe dentro de su hogar! ¡Este programa también está abierto a feligreses de todas las edades!

Este programa operará reuniéndose una vez al mes junto con todas las familias parroquiales. También habrá eventos familiares trimestrales programados. Todas las reuniones y eventos a partir del 2 de octubre se llevarán a cabo los domingos por la mañana en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK a partir de las 10:15 a.m. con café y donas, seguido de la reunión o evento de 10:30 a.m. a 11:00 a.m. A partir del 11 de septiembre, la misa de las 11:00 a.m. cambiará a las 11:15 a.m. para permitir más tiempo para el programa.

¡Este enfoque en nuestras familias parroquiales es una manera maravillosa para que las familias y los participantes aprendan y crezcan juntos en nuestra fe católica! La inscripción para todos los programas se abrirá en línea en nuestro sitio web el 1 de agosto. Para obtener más información o si tienen preguntas, comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 ó [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Registro de los Primeros Sacramentos-

El programa de los Primeros Sacramentos es para niños en al menos 2º grado con dos años consecutivos de educación religiosa o que asisten a una escuela católica. La preparación del programa comienza con la Primera Reconciliación seguida de la preparación para la Primera Eucaristía/Comunión. Este programa consiste en varios talleres sabatinos para la preparación para estos sacramentos.

## Registración de Confirmación –

El programa de Confirmación es para niños en al menos 8º grado con dos años consecutivos de educación religiosa o que asisten a una escuela católica. Los detalles de este programa se proporcionarán después de la inscripción.

La inscripción se abrirá en línea el 1 de agosto de 2022. La fecha límite para inscribirse será el 30 de agosto de 2022. Regístrese en línea en [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 o [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Reflexión

Uno de los mensajes del V Encuentro y los recientes documentos de la Iglesia, especialmente Aparecida y la alegría del Evangelio, hacen alusión, al mensaje que hoy el Evangelio nos presenta y son las condiciones para ser discípulo de Jesús. Ser discípulos de Jesús para ser misioneros. La realidad se encuentra en el corazón del mensaje de Jesús: Quien quiera seguirme, renuncie a todo, tome su Cruz y sígame. De hecho, es una renuncia total para poder entender el llamado de Jesús. NO se le puede seguir a medias, es una entrega total, esto en virtud en que seguir a Jesús requiere una opción de entrega total, tal como lo hizo Jesús: Tanto fue el amor de Dios por nosotros que entregó a su propio Hijo. Pareciera que fuera una reflexión muy fuerte, pero en realidad no es nada en comparación del infinito amor de Dios por nosotros. seguir a Jesús requiere una conversión total, un cambio de vida, porque le estamos apostando no a cualquier cosa, sino, que estamos luchando por buscar nuestra santificación y la santificación de los demás. Es una entrega de Iglesia, pues somos familia y como familia tenemos una gran responsabilidad de trabajar por el Reino de Dios y vías de la santificación que se adquiere a través de una conversión permanente. Para ellos se requiere trabajar en las virtudes de la humildad y la sencillez, para experimentar la necesidad de Dios y el estar en permanente intimidad, a través de la oración, viviendo los sacramentos, principalmente La Sagrada Eucaristía. Sólo en ese caminar con Jesús vamos entendiendo que es seguir a Jesús, que es tomar la cruz con El y que es ser discípulo de Jesús. Cuesta, pero el Señor nos da la fortaleza para entender su llamado y así ayudar a otros en ese caminar hacia la santidad. Pensemos y reflexionemos sobre nuestra vida y ojalá comencemos a hacer un cambio en nuestras vidas. Que Dios los bendiga. P. José Antonio Juya V.

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