



# QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES



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

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**October 2, 2022**  
**Twenty-seventh 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 & 11:15am

**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, October 1, 2022

9:00am Mass—First Saturday  
5:00pm Jeane Finnerty LaCivita +  
7:00pm Misa en español

### Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:15am For the People  
11:15am Roger San-Millan +

### Monday, October 3, 2022

9:00am Communion Service  
7:00am Rosary Recitation in English

### Tuesday, October 4, 2022

No Services

### Wednesday, October 5, 2022

5:30pm Communion Service

### Thursday, October 6, 2022

9:00am Communion Service

### Friday, October 7, 2022

9:00am Communion Service

## 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

## Liturgical Ministers:

### Saturday, October 8, 2022—5:00pm

**Readers:** Sandra Conrad, Lawton Blandford  
**EMCs:** JeanMarie Panzica, Rich Pasqualone  
**Altar Servers:** Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez  
**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Kimber Zappia

### Sunday, October 9, 2022—9:15am Mass

**Readers:** Rose Todd, Rita Paluszak  
**EMCs:** Lisa Davis, Beth McCain  
**Altar Servers:** Aidan Oplinger, Zoe Barthelemy, Mia Lopez  
**Hospitality:** Mary Hooper, Bill McMaster

### Sunday, October 9, 2022—11:15am Mass

**Readers:** Alberto Gonzalez, Richard Swakla  
**EMCs:** Jay McGuinness  
**Altar Servers:** John Calabro, Ellie D'Avria, Sarah Forero  
**Hospitality Ministers:** Mary McGuinness, Billy McHenry

## Donut Ministry:

### Sunday, October 9, 2022—9:15am

Janie Fout, Pat Godfrey, Patricia Lynch

## Our Weekly Tithes:

This week our tithe goes to a new tithing partner, Gastonia Street Ministry which gives out canned goods, meat, bread and other donated items to anyone in need on the 4th Monday of every month.

## FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:

Mel & Stephanie Parent  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
The Deceased Members of the Parent & Jacque Families  
And Lynne Moore  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
John W. Moore

## Priests' Retirement & Benefits Collection

You can still contribute to the Priests' Retirement & Benefits Fund. This is one of two collections that we have a required goal. This year's goal is **\$27,640**. Please be as generous as possible. We make up out of our parish savings any shortfall of that amount. You can make your donation online at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) by clicking the online giving tab and choosing the priests' retirement fund for your donation or use one of the envelopes provided on the table in the Gathering Space.

## 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

**Save the Date!!**  
**Saturday, February 18, 2023**  
**2nd Annual FAB**  
(Fundraiser-Auction-Benefit)  
**Dancing Through the Decades**  
**Mark your calendars**  
**So you don't miss it!**

## From the Pastor's Desk...

The first Saturday in October this year is also the first day in October: the memorial of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church. Being the daughter of Zelig and Louis Martin (themselves canonized saints), she learned to love God and was a great teacher of the faith, expressed through her letters and other writings, during her short life on earth.

In this excerpt from her autobiography, "The Story of a Soul," St. Therese teaches us a lot about how she was able to pray, lessons that we can apply in our own spiritual lives:

"Sometimes when I am in such a state of spiritual dryness that not a single good thought occurs to me, I say very slowly the "Our Father," or the "Hail Mary," and these prayers suffice to take me out of myself. I take refuge, then, in prayer, and turn to Mary, and our Lord always triumphs.

My strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; they are invincible weapons, and touch hearts more surely than words can do, as I have learned by experience. We often think we receive graces and are divinely illuminated by means of brilliant candles. But from whence comes their light? From prayers, perhaps, of some humble, hidden soul, whose inward shining is not apparent to human eyes.

In a word, prayer is something noble, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites it to God. For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy. Frequently, only silence can express my prayer.

Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles. The power of prayer has been understood by all the saints, and especially, perhaps, by those who have illumined the world with the light of Christ's teaching.

My strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; they are invincible weapons, and touch hearts more surely than words can do, as I have learned by experience. Our fulcrum is God: our lever, prayer; prayer which burns with love. With that we can lift the world!" (<https://www.littleflower.org/st-therese/st-therese-quotes/>)

St. Therese and her family are great intercessors for us as we navigate the challenges of life; her guidance on prayer helps us to stay close to God even in the midst of suffering. Try to take some time every day this week to pray like St. Therese did.

Speaking of prayer, this week I will be out of town for a retreat in the North Carolina mountains with the other priests of the Diocese of Charlotte. I'll be back before next weekend. I will be praying for our parish family! Please pray for me, too.

Fr. Paul

## Volunteers Needed to Restart Children's Liturgy of the Word

Volunteer leaders and teen helpers are instrumental in aiding our young parishioners in hearing the readings written for children, having a conversation about the readings to enhance understanding, and then singing the Creed in a catchy tune. The children end their session with heart-felt petitions from the children themselves. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please contact Chrissy Glisson in the church office. We'll restart the program once we have enough volunteers.

# Trunk or Treat



**Sunday, October 30, 2022**

**2:00-4:00pm**

**Free Hot Dogs! Popcorn! Games!**

**Free Trick or Treating from Trunk to Trunk**

*Decorate your trunk and bring candy to pass out  
or just come enjoy the fun!*

*Prizes for best decorated car trunk and costume contests!*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gal 1:6-12;  
Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c;  
Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24;  
Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15;  
Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14;  
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75;  
Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6;  
Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7;  
Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1-4;  
2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

## Stewardship

When will I have given enough—of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

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

## 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 meet next on **October 3**.

## Diocese 50th Anniversary Acts of Charity

Please remember...in the month of October our parish is collecting diapers and baby wipes for Catholic Charities Wee Care Ministry. Please bring your donation to Mass and leave your donation in the Gathering Space of the Church.

## Rosary Makers

Free rosaries are available in the Gathering Space. 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 10:30-11:30am on the same Saturdays as our community breakfasts in the Conference Room. The next meeting is **October 8**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Jemi Mendoza at [jemi.mendoza@icloud.com](mailto:jemi.mendoza@icloud.com).

## Life Chain, October 2 from 2:00-3:00pm

On Sunday, **October 2**, Queen of the Apostles will host the annual Life Chain. For 35 years, pro-life Christians across the United States and Canada have publicly, prayerfully and peacefully stood in prayer in over 2,000 cities. Please consider giving an hour for our annual Life Chain on Main Street in front of the church. We will stand in silent vigil with posters promoting our pro-life beliefs, witnessing to passersby. Bring a chair if you have trouble standing for the hour and an umbrella for rain or sun. Water and posters will be provided. Plan to arrive at 1:45. Contact Tom Carey at 904-728-4300 with any questions. Other Life Chain locations include Belmont Abbey College, East Baptist Church, Flint Groves Baptist Church and Stanley Pentecostal Church.

## 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

## 25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary Celebration

If you were married during 1972 or 1997, you and your family are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 23, 2022 at St. Ann Catholic Church. Mass begins at 2:30pm and will be followed by a reception. Please register at <https://charlottediocese.org/bishops-yearly-anniversary-mass-for-couples/> by Friday, **October 14**.

## 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 **October 3** in English, **October 10** in Spanish, **October 17** in English, **October 24** in Creole & on **October 31** in Tagalog.

## Deployed Military

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

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Respect Life Sunday

**Tuesday:** St. Francis of Assisi;  
Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement) begins at sunset

**Wednesday:** St. Faustina Kowalska;  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

**Thursday:** St. Bruno;  
Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

**Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary;  
First Friday

**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.

# community happenings

## Food Collection

As in past years, our October collection helps to fill the food boxes we provide to about 100 families for the Christmas holiday. Requested items include macaroni and cheese, canned peas, canned green beans, canned corn, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, cereal, oatmeal and soups. Bring your non-perishable items to the church on the weekend of **October 29-30** and place in the baskets at the altar.

## 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, **October 9** 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).

## 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 **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.

## 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 **October 4** in the Conference Room.

## Community Breakfast

Join us on Saturday, **October 8** from 8:00-11:00am in the MAK Family Life Center for our monthly pancake breakfast.

**Saturday, October 8 following 5:00pm Mass**

## Young at Hearts Covered Dish Supper

All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend. It is held in the MAK Family Life Center. Contact Elizabeth Atterberry at [boborliz@bellsouth.net](mailto:boborliz@bellsouth.net) for additional information.

## Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume Thursday, **October 6** 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 [qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@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@queenofthepostles.org](mailto:deaconchip@queenofthepostles.org).

## Side by Side Widows Group

Side by Side Widow's Group will meet next at 1:00pm on Monday, **October 17** at Taxco Mexican Restaurant in Main Street Crossing. Please contact Jeanne LaFrancis at [pastoralassoc@queenofthepostles.org](mailto:pastoralassoc@queenofthepostles.org) or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1006 to RSVP by October 16 so the restaurant can prepare for a large group.

## Monster Box

Please help to support our Trunk or Treat by feeding our monsters. You can find a Monster Box hungry for candy in the Gathering Space. Donated candy is used to ensure there is never a shortage of sweets during our Trunk or Treating, Oct 30 2pm - 4pm.





## Look Closer



**This week teaches youth the definition of a Sacrament, explains why Jesus gave Sacraments to the Church, and shares the importance of grace in everyday life.**

**There will be fun activities and tacos for dinner.**

**All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend on Sunday October 2, from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center.**

### First Sacrament Workshop

The next workshop for the students registered in the First Sacrament Preparation Program will take place on Saturday, **October 22**, from 12-3PM in the MAK Family Life Center. Parents are asked to attend with the students. Pizza will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### Family Faith Formation

Our first Family Faith Formation meet will be on Sunday, **October 2** beginning at 10:15 AM in the MAK Family Life Center. We will begin with coffee and donuts. If you haven't had the opportunity to pick up your materials at the potluck dinner, they will be available for pick up at coffee and donuts that morning. *The first meet will then begin promptly at 10:30AM in the church.*

### NOW OPEN FOR 9:15AM & 11:15AM 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.'

### 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.

1005or [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org). Deadline to apply for this position is **October 14.**



# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## Actos de Caridad del 50 Aniversario de la Diócesis

Por favor recuerde... en el mes de octubre nuestra parroquia estará recolectando pañales y toallitas húmedas para bebés para el Ministerio Wee Care de Caridades Católicas. Por favor traiga su donación a la Misa y deje su donación en Espacio de reunión de la Iglesia.

## Colecta de Comida

Como en años anteriores, nuestra colecta de comida del mes de octubre será para ayudar a llenar las cajas de alimentos que proporcionamos a aproximadamente a 100 familias para la Navidad. Los artículos solicitados son. Macarrones con queso, guisantes enlatados, judías verdes enlatadas, maíz enlatado, mantequilla de maní, mermeladas, espaguetis, salsa para espagueti, cereales, avena y sopas. Traiga sus artículos no perecederos a la iglesia el fin de semana del 29 al 30 de octubre y los caballeros de colon tendrá un camión disponible en el estacionamiento para aceptar sus artículos. Gracias por sus donaciones

## Educación religiosa de formación en la fe para la escuela primaria y secundaria

A partir de este otoño, nos complace anunciar *Una familia de fe* como nuestro nuevo programa de catequesis primaria para niños de primaria y secundaria en los grados preK a 8. Este programa cumple con los requisitos de educación religiosa para los niños y también proporciona formación en la fe para otros miembros de la parroquia. Para obtener más información o para registrarse, vaya en línea a [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) o comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005.

## ¿Tienes un estudiante de 1er grado?

El primer grado es un año maravilloso para que los niños se inscriban en el programa Familia de Fe o en nuestro programa de Formación de Fe de Verano de primer grado. La diócesis requiere que los niños completen la Formación en la Fe de primer grado para poder recibir los sacramentos de la Primera Reconciliación y la Primera Eucaristía en segundo grado. Si su hijo está registrado en una escuela católica, no se requiere ninguna acción adicional a medida que recibe su educación religiosa en la escuela. Cuando su hijo ingrese al segundo grado en 2023, deberá inscribirlo en el programa de primeros sacramentos.

## ¿Tienes un estudiante de 7º grado?

Los estudiantes de séptimo grado deben estar inscritos en el programa Familia de Fe para ser elegibles para ser inscritos en el programa de Confirmación de octavo grado o asistir a una escuela católica. La diócesis requiere que los niños completen la educación religiosa de séptimo grado para poder recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación en octavo grado. Si su hijo está registrado en una escuela católica, no se requiere ninguna acción adicional a medida que recibe su educación religiosa en la escuela. Cuando su hijo ingrese al octavo grado en 2023, deberá registrarlo en el programa de Confirmación.

## Reflexión

Queridos Hermanos: Hoy la Palabra de Dios nos invita a pensar y reflexionar sobre nuestra actitud comprometida sobra nuestra Fe. La Fe es una de las virtudes Teologales, y la más importante de las virtudes que nos ayudan a tomar en serio un encuentro con Dios. Sin la Virtud de la fe no podemos entender la presencia de Dios en nuestra vida y cómo Dios va haciendo con cada uno de nosotros una experiencia de amor. Por eso la exigencia de los apóstoles: auméntanos la fe. La respuesta de Jesús es inmediata y, como de costumbre, desconcertante para ellos: si tuvieran fe, aunque fuera tan pequeña...Desconcertante porque más que la aceptación de la pregunta parece ser una reprensión. La fe es una realidad que no se puede medir cuantitativamente. Es la calidad y la integridad de la fe lo que cuenta: el granito de mostaza vale no por su tamaño sino por la intensa vitalidad que encierra y que lo hace crecer de una manera desproporcionada en relación a su pequeñez de semilla. La verdadera fe es el signo vibrante de mi confianza en Dios que va acompañada de mi testimonio de vida y que junto con las palabras del Apóstol Pedro: señor a quien iremos, si solo Tú tienes Palabras de Vida eterna. El cristiano que tiene fe verdadera, jamás puede desconfiar de la voluntad de Dios. Les invito a meditar seriamente sobre nuestro caminar con el Señor en el camino de nuestra Fe. Que sea una fe de calidad, que significa, entrega, amor, compromiso y sobre todo nuestro testimonio de vida. Reflexionemos y miremos en que altura está nuestra fe, para seguir al Señor.

Que Dios los bendiga. P. José Antonio Juya V.

## ¿Necesita información o asistencia?

¿Necesita información o asistencia para registrarse en español para programas de educación religiosa y/o sacramentales? Si es así, tenemos a alguien disponible para proporcionar información y ayudar con el proceso de registro en español los miércoles de 3:30pm-6pm en la Oficina Parroquial cada semana. Si esas horas no son convenientes pueden hacer una cita. Contáctense con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 1007.

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