



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30-4:30; closed Friday
Website: www.queenoftheapostles.org
St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Open Daily for Private Prayer:
Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:15pm;



September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Eucharist	Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am Wednesday 5:30pm, 1 st Saturday of each month at 9:00am
Weekend Eucharist	Saturday: 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español) Sunday: 9:15am & 11:15am
Reconciliation:	Sunday 8:15-8:45am; Monday 8:00-8:30am; Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Adoration	Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm
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 2, 2023

5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Alicia Langrand +

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9:15am Mother of Sr. Mary Rose Marie
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11:15am William Mayes +

Monday, September 4, 2023

9:00am For Workers & Unemployed
7:00pm Rosary Recitation

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

No Service

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

5:30pm Madhav Vishna Phadke +

Thursday, September 7, 2023

9:00am Jerry Roche
5:30pm Adoration

Friday, September 8, 2023

9:00am Barbara Sica +



Collection: 08-27-2023: \$17,594.00.
Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

Our tithe to *Kara's Closet* from 8-27-2023 was \$880.00. This week's tithe will support *Step Up for Family Safety* which is a program offering abuse intervention services and counseling for abusers. Step Up exists because they know abusers can change and if they can change, women and children will be safer.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on
Monday, September 4
in observance of Labor Day.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, September 9, 2023—5:00pm

Readers: Joe Bruno, Gail Bruno
EMCs: Mary Kane, Joan Lynn
Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Adam Acosta
Hospitality: Elizabeth Atterberry

Sunday, September 10, 2023—9:15am Mass

Readers: James Hefferan, Adriana Echeverri
EMCs: Roger Duncan, Ernie Manaois
Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Brennan Phillips,
Corinne St. Romain
Hospitality: Suzanne Patz, Bill Patz

Sunday, September 10, 2023—11:15am Mass

Readers: Elizabeth Sisk, Bethsy SanMillan
EMCs: Sue Dolphin, Therease Metivier
Altar Servers: John Calabro, Maggie Calabro,
Emma Calabro
Hospitality Ministers: Yvonne Zarza, Mike Proud

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, September 10, 2023—9:15am
Brian Litfin, Janie Fout, Pat D. Lynch

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live. Please go to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND
WERE DONATED BY**
Marilyn Warmington
in Loving Memory of Victor & Florentine Bley

OFFICE HOURS
Monday through Thursday
8:30am-4:30pm
(12:30-1:30pm lunch hour—closed on Fridays)

Online Giving

You have the option to give online through our parish website. Click the Online Giving box in the center of the homepage to link to the ParishSoft site to make a safe and secure donation. Giving begins with you! Make your gift to the parish electronically and have your gift deducted from your account automatically. 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.





Our 19th annual Charlotte Diocese Eucharistic Congress brings together thousands of Catholics from across the Southeast to celebrate our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist. This free 2-day event with programs for adults and children will take place on September 8 & 9, 2023 at the Convention Center in Charlotte.

SAVE THE DATE

19th Eucharistic Congress

September 8-9, 2023

Come Join a Choir!

Music is a vital part of our Liturgies! Anyone is invited to join one of our 3 choirs.

Children's Choir ages 4 to 5th-grade practices on Wednesday evenings in KidZone from 5:15—5:45pm.

Youth Choir is for middle school and high school teens. This choir practices on Wednesday evening from 6:00pm—6:45pm.

The Adult Choir practices on Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm.

All are welcome to join this ministry. Please come to practice on Wednesday.

Please go to our website and visit our Music Ministry page to signup today!



*In the Footsteps of St. Paul
with Greek Isle Cruise*

GREECE & TURKEY

June 4 - 14, 2024



Spiritual Director: Fr. Paul Buchanan
\$4,899 from Charlotte

Pricing based on double occupancy.
Register Online:
www.206tours.com/frbuchanan



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; 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: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

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

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Peter Claver

Sick and Homebound

Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers especially those who have asked to be remembered: Patrick Bragg, Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight

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 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.


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 4 in English.

Deployed Military

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

ALTAR FLOWERS



With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two flower arrangements at the weekend Masses. Flowers can be dedicated in loving memory of or in honor of loved ones. Please call the church office or visit the sign up in the Gathering Space.

Stay Connected...

Are you unable to join your parish family at Mass each weekend because you are homebound or have temporary or ongoing health issues? If so, please contact our Pastoral Associate Jeanne LaFrancis at 704-825-9600 ext. 1006 to arrange for Communion to be brought to you at home, in the hospital or at a nursing or rehab facility. A family member may also contact Jeanne if you are unable to do so yourself. You continue to be an important part of our faith family and we would like to help keep you connected!

HUNGER: A Faith & Justice Response

A Faith & Justice Response is an 8-session program of JustFaith Ministries that invites small groups to explore food insecurity through the lens of our Christian tradition. The program is in person Tuesday mornings beginning Sept 26th from 10-12 at Light of Christ Methodist Church, 9106 Bryant Farms Rd., Charlotte, NC. For more information visit <https://justfaith.org/jf-charlotte-registration-page/> or contact Tricia Vasil Ryan at tricia.vasil@gmail.com. Please join me on a journey exploring the root causes of hunger and our Christian response. The sessions include - Prayer and Reflection, Discussions and a Guest Speaker.

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." (Mother Teresa)

KidZone—Open for 9:15AM & 11:15AM Masses

KidZone is open during the 9:15am and 11:15am Masses for the youngest members of our church ages 6 months – 3 years of age. It is located off the Gathering Space as you enter church. Please visit KidZone and talk with a staff member for any questions about this ministry. You can also visit KidCheck.com to register your children to attend during Mass times.

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2023**

to **SERVE** *is to* **LOVE**

Your pledge to the DSA is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, you may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the parish office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.





Monthly Food Collection

September's food collection will go to our friends at SOCKS. They are in need of jelly, canned vegetables, canned fruits, instant potatoes, any dried food items, canned meat, cereal, and peanut butter. Please bring your donations to the altar and place in the baskets provided the weekend of **September 23-24th**. Thank you for your support of this critical ministry.

School of Community — Sunday, September 3, 2pm

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, September 3** 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.

Just for Men—Monday, September 4, 7:30pm following the Rosary

The 'Just for Men' faith sharing group meets monthly on the first Monday at 7:30pm in the Parlor off the Gathering Space in the church following the 7pm Rosary. We are now reflecting on the Gospel of John. Our next gathering is on Monday, **September 4**. All men (18 and older, Catholic or not) are welcome. For more information or a study guide, call Roger Duncan at 412-269-9144 or Deacon Chip at 704-488-5822 (text or call) or deaconship@queenoftheapostles.org.

Just for Ladies—Thursday, September 7, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning this Thursday, **September 7** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7-8:30pm. All ladies are welcome to attend. The study is on Women of the New Testament. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, September 5, 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. 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 ejoconnor81@gmail.com. The next meeting is on **Tuesday, September 5** in the Conference Room.

Community Breakfast—Saturday, September 9, 8-11am

Come join us for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, September 9th** from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center with our famous Pancake, French Toast & Waffle Breakfast! Hope to see you and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, September 9, following the 5pm Mass

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 **September 9th** in the MAK Center! We are always extra excited to have new people join us too! The theme for this month is 'Italian Night.' Bring a dish of your favorite Italian food or your favorite Italian dessert—or anything else. It's a great time to meet friends and have a great dinner together! 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.

First Monday—No Meet on Monday, September 4

The 1st Monday Meal group will not meet on Monday, September 4 due to the Labor Day Holiday. We will resume our meal preparation for Catherine's House and House of Mercy on **Monday, October at 2pm** in the MAK Family Life Center. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Liska at lolielive@gmail.com or Matt LaMuraglia, M53LAM@yahoo.com.

faithformation

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2023-2024 PROGRAMS

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration is now open for this year's **A Family of Faith** program! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades PreK-8! **This program is opened to parishioners of all ages!** **A Family of Faith** will start on **Sunday, September 17!** The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting from 10:30am-11:00am. Families with children will meet in the church, Adults without children will meet in the MAK Family Life Center and the Spanish session will meet in the St. Katharine Drexel Hall.



Click on the QR Code to register for A Family of Faith

FIRST SACRAMENTS – First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Registration is now open for this year's First Sacraments program. Our diocese requires that children preparing for First Sacraments be in at least 2nd grade and in their second year of formal religious education program or attending a Catholic school during the preparation. The workshop schedule can be found online at our website. There is a mandatory parent meeting (for parents only) on **Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30pm** in the MAK Family Life Center.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Registration is now open for this year's Middle School and High School Youth Ministries programs! Register online today! 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!

For more information, or to register and to see the calendars for the above programs, please go to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600.

Attention all High Schoolers!

SAVE THE DATE!

July 12—14, 2024

Steubenville Youth Conference



MAPP MY LIFE

Questions About the Eucharist



All Youth are invited!

Sunday, September 10, 5-7:30pm

MAK Family Life Center

Program: Road Trip!

Dinner included! Bring a friend!

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

El evangelista hoy nos invita a seguir el camino más difícil, pero él único que nos llevará a la salvación. Debemos vivir como Jesús, abiertos, acogedores; buscando no sólo nuestro bien, sino el bien común. Hoy, vivimos a nuestro aire, tratando cada día de tener más, nada nos satisface. Cambiamos continuamente y nos vamos haciendo esclavos del consumismo. Poco nos importa que haya hermanos que cada día mueren por pasar las fronteras buscando una vida digna. Jesús no puede hablar con más claridad: quién quiera salvarse debe seguirle, liberarse de las ataduras, amar sin límites, confiar totalmente en Él. A todos nos gusta vivir cómodamente, sin conflictos ni sobresaltos, pero si queremos ser fieles a Cristo tenemos que perder privilegios, soltar comodidades y aprender a vivir arriesgando la vida por los demás. Sólo de esa forma ganaremos la verdadera vida. ¿Estamos dispuestos a correr el riesgo personalmente? ¿Y con nuestra comunidad? Reflexionemos en el pasaje del evangelio y recuerden el solo nos pide que tomemos nuestra cruz y le sigamos.

Que Dios les Bendiga

P. José Antonio Juya V.

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS,

2023-2024 FORMACIÓN DE FE FAMILIAR Y PROGRAMAS SACRAMENTALES

Inscripción para el programa de Formación en la Fe Familiar y los Programas Sacramentales ahora están abiertos en línea en nuestro sitio web www.queenoftheapostles.org. Los formularios de inscripción también se pueden encontrar en el Espacio de Reunión en la Iglesia o en el Breezeway cerca de la Oficina Parroquial. El programa de Formación de Fe Familiar es el único programa que cumple con los requisitos religiosos y crédito educativo para niños en los grados Pre-K a 8. Nuestra Diócesis requiere dos años consecutivos de educación religiosa o asistir a una escuela católica para participar en los programas sacramentales. Puede inscribirse en los programas sacramentales si está en su segundo año de educación religiosa. Nuestros programas sacramentales son adicionales a nuestros programas de formación religiosa, por lo que si un niño está en al menos 2do grado y está en su segundo año de educación religiosa, entonces son elegibles para ser registrado en el programa de Primeros Sacramentos que comienza en el otoño. Si un niño está en al menos 8º grado y está en su segundo año de educación religiosa, entonces son elegibles para registrarse en el Programa de confirmación. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Reina al 704-825-9600 ext. 1007.o Envíe un correo electrónico formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

¿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 por cita en la Oficina Parroquial cada semana. Para hacer la cita contáctese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext 1007.

Colecta de Comida

La colecta de alimentos del mes de septiembre será para SOCKS. Ellos estarán necesitando, salsa para espaguetis (no frascos de vidrio, por favor), aceite de cocina, arroz blanco, mantequilla de maní, judías verdes, maíz, atún, pollo, frutas enlatadas, pasta enlatada (Chef Boyardee), Avena, macarrones con queso, fideos ramen, sopa mezclas, snacks, cereales. Favor de traer sus donaciones durante el fin de semana del 30 de septiembre y colocarlas en las cestas que se encuentran frente al altar. Gracias por su generosidad a quienes lo necesitan.

