



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth 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.

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 16, 2023

5:00pm Patsy Jackson +
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:15am Tim Epperson
11:15am For the People

Monday, September 18, 2023

9:00am Ruth Reeves +
7:00pm Rosary Recitation

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

No Service

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

5:30pm Dwayne and Chantel Summitt

Thursday, September 21, 2023

9:00am John W. Moore +
5:30pm Adoration

Friday, September 22, 2023

9:00am Bruce Weiler

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, September 23, 2023—5:00pm

Readers: Patricia Vasil Rich, Diane Clifton

EMCs: Mary Kane, Rich Pasqualone

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez

Hospitality: Rich Ryan, Peter Liberatore

Sunday, September 24, 2023—9:15am Mass

Readers: Brendan Sweeney, Richard Swakla

EMCs: Beth McCain, Adriana Echeverri

Altar Servers: Brennan Phillips, Damien

MacAlester, Daniel Sanchez

Hospitality: Jayne Clark, Brad Clark

Sunday, September 24, 2023—11:15am Mass

Readers: Andrew Kloak, Thomas Sims

EMCs: Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Gabrielle Miller,
Adam Acosta

Hospitality Ministers: Yvonne Zarza, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, September 24, 2023—9:15am

Deborah Eagon, Alicia Hamilton, Jon Hamilton,
Kimber Zappia

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.



Collections:

09-03-2023: \$23,908.99

09-10-2023: \$16,065.21

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

Our tithe to *Step Up for Family Safety* from 9-3-2023 was \$1,195.00. Our tithe to *The Safe Alliance* from 9-10-2023 was \$803.00. This week's tithe will support *The Shelter of Gaston County* which provides a shelter and resources for victims of domestic violence.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY

Charlie Scott
in memory of Charles W. Scott

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:30am-4:30pm

(12:30-1:30pm lunch hour—closed on Fridays)

CONTACT US

For any church related questions,
please call 704-825-9600 or email
information@queenoftheapostles.org.

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,





Trunk or Treat ON ABBEY LANE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
5-7PM**

SAVE THE DATE!

Queen of the Apostles Church's Trunk or Treat will be held at Belmont Abbey College this year on Abbey Lane in front of the Haid Building! Be sure to mark your calendars and join the fun on Saturday, October 28 from 5-7pm!

There will also be a Youth Movie Night taking place following Trunk or Treat for QOA High School Youth from 7-9pm!

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 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Weekday of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Saint Januarius

Wednesday: Saints Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

Thursday: Saint Matthew

Friday: Weekday of Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

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.

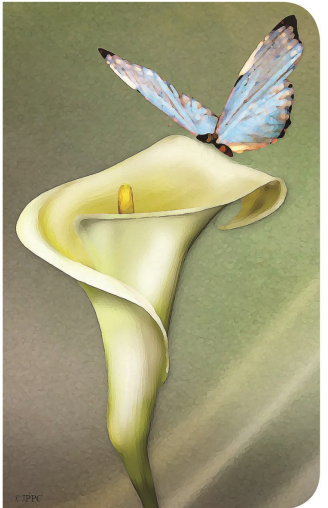
Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly in-person as well as LiveStream. The rosary will be recited on September 18 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 17, 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 17** 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 Ladies— Thursday, September 21, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning this Thursday, **September 14** 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.

Dad's Group for Work-at-Home or Homeschooling Dads— Thursday, September 28, 12:30pm-2:30pm

Are you a Work-at-Home or Homeschooling Dad ? Come join other Dads for a time of Fellowship and Faith Discussion on **Thursday, September 28 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm** in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space. KidZone will be available and open for the children. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Brendan Sweeney at qoadads@gmail.com.

First Monday— Monday, October 2, 2pm

The 1st Monday Meal group will next meet on **Monday, October 2** at 2pm in the MAK Center kitchen. We will plan on preparing meals for Catherine's House and House of Mercy. If you have any questions or would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Laura Liska at lollielive@gmail.com or Matt LaMuraglia, M53LAM@yahoo.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry— Will not meet on October 3

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 has been scheduled for the second Tuesday on **November 14** in the Conference Room.

Knights of Columbus

Please join the Knights at Sammy's Pub to raise funds for LAMB, Wednesday, October

11: Knights of Columbus Council 11076 is happy to share that Sammy's Pub of Belmont will continue their generous donation to our largest charity, L.A.M.B. (Least Among My Brothers) by donating proceeds from the entire day, October 11th. This includes lunch, dinner, drinks, and orders to go! Please join us for a great meal at Sammy's on 25 South Main St., Belmont. Questions, please call Mark Colone (704-905-5153).

Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Knights! Raise money for L.A.M.B., October 22: Each weekend

before and after mass, members of the Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for an Oktoberfest-style meal, Sunday, October 22, from 12-3 pm. For \$12 you can enjoy a Chef Dennis Kast's German Bratwurst plate or a double hot dog plate, each with sauerkraut, potato salad, applesauce, and a dessert. Iced Tea and lemonade will be available if you dine inside the MAK Family Center. Net proceeds will benefit our largest charity, L.A.M.B. (Least Among My Brothers).



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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 starts 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. For more information or questions regarding this program, please contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family & Youth Discipleship at 704-825-9600, ext. 1008 or email familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



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.**

CONFIRMATION

Registration is now open for this year's Confirmation program. Confirmation Candidates must be in at least 8th grade and be in their second year of Family Faith Formation or attending a Catholic school. **The program begins with a mandatory Parent/Child Meeting – Wednesday, January 10, 6:30pm, MAK Family Life Center.** The three preparation meetings will take in January, February and March.

RCIC – Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

RCIC is a family-formatted program designed for children at least six years old who have not been baptized or who are baptized but have not received the formal training to celebrate their First Eucharist at the usual time. Preparation is designed to fit the needs of the family and will allow the children to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil along with the RCIA participants. For help in discerning if this program is for your child, please contact Chrissy with any questions at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Registration is 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!


ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS!

SAVE THE DATE! July 12–14, 2024
Steubenville Youth Conference

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.

MAP MY LIFE

Questions About the Eucharist



All Youth are invited!

Sunday, September 24, 5-7:30pm

MAK Family Life Center

Program: Scenic View!

Dinner included! Bring a friend!

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

EL SEÑOR ES COMPASIVO Y MISERICORDIOSO

El Evangelio de San Mateo una vez quiere expresar la necesidad del amor fraterno, que es de vital importancia en la vida de la Iglesia. ¿Cómo nos damos cuenta del crecimiento eclesial en una comunidad cristiana? El Evangelio nos lo expresa en su mensaje a través de actitudes que se dan en la vida diaria, en el continuo ejercicio de nuestra fe, y sobre todo en la práctica de las obras de caridad, expresadas a través de la vivencia del amor cristiano. El amor cristiano es la medida permanente de cómo va nuestro crecimiento espiritual y que se nota principalmente en la medida en que practiquemos el amor cristiano en cada uno de los momentos de nuestra vida. Eso significa que entre más amamos al prójimo más nos acercamos a Jesús. Pero el Evangelio de hoy nos hace caer en cuenta que todos nosotros tenemos la necesidad de estar atentos de seguir a Jesús cumpliendo sus mandamientos, ya que por nuestras debilidades humanas fácilmente podemos caer y fallarle al Señor. ¿Cómo le fallamos? Pues la respuesta nos la da el Evangelio de hoy: nuestra incapacidad para pedir perdón. Muchas veces nos dejamos llevar por la soberbia, por la envidia, por la falta de tolerancia y por eso caemos en el rencor y la venganza, y al llegar a ese estado de vida podemos perder la fe, la esperanza y la caridad. Todo esto nos lleva a alejarnos de Dios nuestro Padre y como consecuencia alejarnos también de los hermanos, razón por la cual caemos en la desesperación, la falta de paz y de alegría, y una conciencia totalmente confusa. Por eso el Evangelio de hoy nos invita a acercarnos a Jesús, con un corazón humilde y sencillo, dispuesto siempre a pedir perdón, a confiar en la misericordia del Señor. No hay momento más bello para un cristiano que sentirse perdonado por Jesús y por los hermanos. ¿Cuántas veces? Siempre. Porque el Señor quiere la vida, la paz, la alegría de todos nosotros, y Él sabe que un hijo arrepentido, es siempre muy feliz, vive en paz y ofrece paz. ¿Cuántas veces hemos rechazado pedir perdón o dar perdón? Reflexionemos, y pensemos siempre que la Misericordia del Señor es infinita, y lo mismo tenemos que hacer nosotros con nuestros hermanos.

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 programa principal de catequesis de la Iglesia Reina de los Apóstoles y cumple con los requisitos de educación religiosa para niños en los grados PreK-8! ¡Este programa está abierto a feligreses de todas las edades! ¡Una Familia de Fe comenzará el domingo 17 de septiembre! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 am en el MAK Family Life Center con café y donas seguido de la reunión de 10:30 a.m. A las 11:00am las familias con niños se reunirán en la iglesia, los adultos sin niños se reunirán en el MAK Family Life Center.

PRIMEROS SACRAMENTOS – Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía

La inscripción ya está abierta para el programa de Primeros Sacramentos de este año. Nuestra diócesis requiere que los niños se preparen para los primeros sacramentos estar en al menos 2º grado y en su segundo año de educación religiosa formal o asistan a una escuela católica durante la preparación. El horario del taller se puede encontrar en línea en nuestro sitio web. Hay una reunión obligatoria de padres (solo para padres) el miércoles 20 de septiembre a las 6:30pm en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK.

MINISTERIOS JUVENILES

¡La inscripción ya está abierta para los programas de Ministerios Juveniles de Escuelas Intermedias y Secundarias de este año! Registro ¡En línea hoy! ¡Los grupos de jóvenes se reúnen los domingos programados de 5:00 a 7:30 pm en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK! ¡La cena se ofrece en cada reunión! ¡No hay costo para participar en este programa! Trae a un amigo y únete a nosotros mientras nos reunimos para divertirnos, comer, juegos y ¡compañerismo!