



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES



Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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September 25, 2022
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekday Eucharist Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am;
Wednesday 5:30pm, 1st 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, September 24, 2022

5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, September 25, 2022

9:15am Norina & Lou Pedroli +
11:15am Roger San-Millan +

Monday, September 26, 2022

9:00am Joyce Goelz +
7:00am Rosary Recitation in Tagalog

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

No Services

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

5:30pm Gilbert Berne +

Thursday, September 29, 2022

9:00am Roger Berne +

Friday, September 30, 2022

9:00am Jean Marc Berne—special intention

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 1, 2022—5:00pm

Readers: Steve D'Avria, Tricia Vasil-Ryan

EMCs: Joe Bruno, Joan Lynn

Altar Servers: Nicholas & Ellie D'Avria

Hospitality: Larry Capps, Todd Morgan

Sunday, October 2, 2022—9:15am Mass

Readers: Dennis Anene, Brendan Sweeney

EMCs: Deborah Eagon, Steve White

Altar Servers: Lily McBride, Frank Gareis, Reese Rodite

Hospitality: Bill Patz, Paul Todd

Sunday, October 2, 2022—11:00am Mass

Readers: Terri Bolotin-Wilson, Jerome Butler

EMCs: Tom Calabro, Jan Kauer

Altar Servers: J. Mack & Savannah Butler,
Maggie Calabro

Hospitality Ministers: Neil Kauer, Keith McGuinness

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, October 2, 2022—9:15am

Scott Hegedus, Brian Litfin, Brittany MacAlester

Collections

Collection: 09-18-2022: \$15,956.26

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 \$797.00 to the Catherine's House. This week our tithe goes to On Eagles Wings Ministries. OEWM seeks to prevent children from falling victim to sex trafficking, offer assistance to those still trapped and restore those who have survived by offering hope, empowerment and a brighter future.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:
Kathleen Pedroli
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
The Deceased Members of the Pedroli Family

Priests' Retirement & Benefits Collection

This weekend, **September 24-25**, we have a second collection for 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 also make your donation online at www.queenoftheapostles.org by clicking the online giving tab and choosing the priests' retirement fund for your donation.

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

Recently Deceased in the Parish...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Roger Estridge and Ducky Huffstetler and for the consolation of their families.

Please remember that beginning September 11, Mass times are 9:15 & 11:15am!

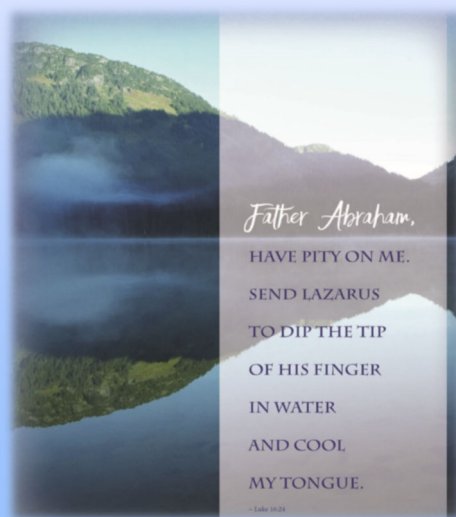
From the Pastor's Desk...

The shortening of the days and the morning chill in the air that herald the coming of autumn always catch me by surprise. With the exception of my time in seminary, I have lived my entire life in North Carolina; one would think that I'd be used to it by now, but I'm glad I'm not. Taking a few moments to appreciate the changing of the seasons reminds us of the beauty of the world that God has given us and helps us to remember that his plans continue to unfold, marked by the passage of time, but always in his hands.

As the year flies by, our parish's programs are continuing to resume after summer break. Tonight, we're looking forward to the beginning of our Youth Ministry program, and next Sunday will bring the first gathering of our Family of Faith between the Masses. Remember that RCIA meets in the Parlor on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM (after the daily Mass at 5:30). If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, please invite them to come! We're excited about these new beginnings! Thank you to everyone who has been working so hard to make them successful.

This weekend, we have an opportunity to contribute to an important second collection which benefits our retired diocesan priests. We all have to consider our financial circumstances and our capacity to make an offering, but please do give serious consideration to donating: this collection helps to ensure that our retired priests are able to live with dignity. We can contribute to the collection at church or online. I'm grateful for your generosity.

Fr. Paul



Children's Liturgy of the Word

We'll restart our Children's Liturgy program in October. 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.

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 until 6:00 pm.

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

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.

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. Deadline to apply for this position is **September 25**.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22;
Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23;
Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16;
Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5;
Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab;
Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17;
Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130;
Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

Stewardship

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in your life? What am I doing to help?

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.

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

25th & 50th

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 **September 26** in Tagalog, **October 3**, in English, **October 10** in Spanish.

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

Deployed Military

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday;
Rosh HaShanah (Jewish New Year) begins at sunset
Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul
Wednesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Friday: St. Jerome
Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus; First Saturday

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.

community happenings



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 this weekend, **September 24-25**. Thank you for your generosity to those in need in our community.

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 25** at 3:30pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information contact Alessandro Rovati at ale.rova@gmail.com.

MOMS Group

MOMS Group, *Ministry of Mothers Sharing*, will resume on **Thursday, September 29**, following the Daily Mass. We meet in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space from 9:30am-11am. KidZone is available during this time! This program is a time for moms of all ages to share faith, fellowship and fun! Join us as we explore the study; *Getting Past Perfect; How to Find Joy and Grace in the Messiness of Motherhood* by Kate Wicker. For more information, please email Stephanie Reed at stephaniereed79@gmail.com or connect to the MOMS Flocknote group by texting QOAMOMS to the number 84576.

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 ejoconnor81@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 for additional information.

Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume Thursday, **September 29** 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.

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.



All Youth are invited to...

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Middle and High School Youth Kickoff!

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
5-7PM
MAK FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

A night so big that it needed its own word!
A huge kickoff to celebrate a new year!
Join us for a huge night of fun, fellowship
and dinner!

First Sacrament Workshop

A workshop for the students registered in the First Sacrament Preparation Program will take place on Saturday, **October 1**, from 12-3PM in the MAK Family Life Center. Parents are asked to attend with the students. Chicken strips 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 and select 'sign-up' and then click the box 'Free Kidcheck Account for Parents.'



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

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.

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 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.

EDGE Middle School Youth- KICKOFF NIGHT domingo, 25 de septiembre 5:00-7:00pm

¡La inscripción de jóvenes de la escuela intermedia está abierta en línea! ¡Edge es nuestro programa de ministerio juvenil de la escuela intermedia diseñado para llevar a los adolescentes más cerca de Cristo! Regístrese en línea en www.queenoftheapostles.org. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 o formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Life Teen High School Youth- NOCHE DE INICIO- domingo, 25 de septiembre 5:00-7:00pm

¡La inscripción de Life Teen High School Youth está abierta en línea! ¡Life Teen es nuestro programa de ministerio juvenil de la escuela secundaria diseñado para llevar a los adolescentes más cerca de Cristo! Regístrese en línea en www.queenoftheapostles.org. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 o formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Reflexión

Hermanos: Hoy la Sagrada Liturgia nos presenta un hermoso mensaje, donde una vez más Dios manifiesta su infinita misericordia, a través de los pobres, los olvidados por el mundo y es a través de la parábola del rico Epulón y el pobre Lázaro. en el catecismo hemos aprendido muchas enseñanzas, pero entre todas, tenemos, el mensaje de vivir todos los días en nuestro entorno de como son las obras de misericordia. Casi siempre nosotros hablamos mucho de Dios, damos testimonios, pero, sin embargo, cuando nos toca hablar de las obras de misericordia, nos quedamos cortos, pues nos parece como algo insignificante, y pensamos que lo estamos haciendo bien, pero en realidad nos falta mucho, mucho en este campo. El Evangelio de hoy nos llama a ser más concretos en nuestra misión con nuestros hermanos, especialmente con los pobres, los enfermos, los abandonados, los carentes de amor. Así como Epulón se sentía tan bien en su trono, en su estatus que también nosotros nos puede pasar lo mismo con nosotros mismo, con la familia, y con la comunidad. Hablamos mucho de Dios, pero se nos olvida practicar la caridad con los hermanos, aún en cosas pequeñas, como un saludo, un abrazo, una visita al enfermo, pensar en los alejados de Dios, etc. Los invito a que reflexionemos sobre cómo estoy ejerciendo mi fe a través de las obras de caridad, porque el Mandamiento principal es: amar a Dios sobre todas las cosas y al prójimo como a ti mismo. Pidamos la ayuda al Espíritu Santo para que nos ilumine y podamos ejercer con autenticidad clamor a Dios a través de nuestros hermanos, principalmente a los más desprotegidos.

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

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.