

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles

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Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español); Sunday 9:15am & 11:15am
Weekday Mass Schedule:
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm
Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm
Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

A Faith That Divides

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 17, 2025

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.

Liturgies This Week:

Saturday, August 16, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Joseph DiMatto +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, August 17, 2025

9:15am Mel Parent +
11:15am For the People

Monday, August 18, 2025

9:00am Gertrude Mary Bradley +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

5:30pm Leo Reed +

Thursday, August 21, 2025

9:00am Jay Petruska +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, August 22, 2025

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Cathy Gagne +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, August 23, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Natalia Gomez, Valentina Gomez

EMCs: Mary Kane, Patricia Vasil Ryan

Readers: Alison Nolting, Richard Swakla

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Saturday, August 23, 2025- 7:00pm

Eucharistia: Isabel Rodriguez, Patricia Hernandez

Lectores: Blanca Delgado, Olger Romero

Sunday, August 24, 2025-9:15am

Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Amelia Powers, Clark Cordova

EMCs: Adriana Echeverri, Sandy Endicott

Readers: Cam Tracy, Rita Paluszak

Hospitality: Bill McMaster, Paul Todd

Sunday, August 24, 2025-11:15am

Altar Servers: Molly Jurik, Natalie Hawkins, Ryan Jurik

EMCs: Cristina Saiz, Juan Saiz

Readers: Terri Wilson, Christelle Angelica Corpin

Hospitality: Mary McGuinness, Neil Kauer

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Anthony Farinella & Family, Jane & Dan Turner, Laura Powers & Family

Linens:

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Ann Blomquist



The collection from 08-10-2025 is \$20,304.49.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for the *House of Mercy* from 08-10-2025 was \$1,015.00.

The tithe for this week is for *Belmont Back Pack Program* which provides food for homeless children in North Belmont Elementary School so that they have meals available to them over weekends and school holidays.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Friday, August 22, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Queenship of Mary. A week after the Assumption, we contemplate our Blessed Mother crowned with glory in heaven, reigning with her Son, the King of kings. Her crown is not of gold or jewels, but of grace — the reward of a life lived in perfect faithfulness to God.

It's a fitting time to reflect, as the school year begins, on what "success" really means. In our world, success is often measured by grades, achievements, and awards — crowns that fade with time. Mary shows us a better way: her crown comes from saying "yes" to God in every moment, trusting Him completely, and letting His love shine through her life.

For students, teachers, and parents, the start of the school year is full of goals and expectations. The most important lesson is to keep Christ at the center of all we do. Whether in the classroom, at work, or at home, Mary's example points us to her Son. Living each day with faith, humility, and love leads to the crown that never fades.

As the year begins, I'm praying for our students and educators to be blessed with wisdom, perseverance, and joy. I entrust this year to Mary, our Queen and Mother, asking her to guide us to her Son, the source of all wisdom and the giver of eternal life.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr. Paul



CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 2025



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Renew your spirit.
Walk with Christ.**

Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days — it's totally free and flexible! Details at www.YouBelong2025.com.



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Helena

Tuesday: Saint John Eudes

Wednesday: Saint Bernard

Thursday: Saint Pius X

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Saint Rose of Lima

Sick and Homebound

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

Mary 'Mickey' Estridge, Patrick Bragg, Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight.

Lost & Found Items

Lost & Found items may be found in the basket in the church Gathering Space.

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 be part of our prayer line ministry and join us in praying for the needs of others, please call the church office or send an email to prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org.

Online Giving

You have the option to give online through our parish website or click the QR code provided here in the bulletin. 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.



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2025

Please be generous to the DSA. Your gift helps provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese—namely to fulfill our call to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. You may go to https://charlottediocese.org/development/donate_dsa/ to make a donation online or click on the QR code to contribute.



Weekly Rosary

*The Rosary will be recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed. The next Rosary Recitation will be on **August 18 in English and August 25 in Tagalog.***

Readings for the Week

Monday Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Jgs 11:29-39a Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mt 22:1-14

Friday Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30

Altar Flower Intentions

Altar Flower dedications, *in honor of or in memory of loved ones*, can be made by going to our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org. A link to reserve flower dedications can be found on the homepage of our website. You can also call the church office for assistance and reserve over the phone or in person during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

Flowers at the Altar this weekend were dedicated by:

Josephine Farinella
in loving memory of Mario Farinella & Francesca Vinci

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Baptism is generally celebrated on Saturday mornings or by special requested times. Parents wishing to present a child (under six years of age) for Baptism must complete a Saturday morning preparation here in the parish. These are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend.

The next Baptismal preparation session will be scheduled sometime soon. Please call the church office to make a reservation to attend. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

The next Baptismal Prep program will be on Saturday, August 23 at 10am in the Gathering Space of Church.

Food Collection—Collection will be August 30-31

Food Collection - We will collect the following food items for SOCKS in August:

Canned green beans, corn, canned meats, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter, and jelly. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided on the weekend of **August 30-31**. Thank you for your generosity.

Community Breakfast—Saturday, August 23, 8-11am

Come for a great free breakfast from QoA on **Saturday, August 23**, from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center with our famous pancakes and sausage breakfast! Of course, all your other favorite breakfast items along with coffee and juice will be served as well. Hope to see and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

Rosary Makers—Saturday, August 23, 10:30-11:30am

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, August 23**, from 10:30-11:30am in the MAK Center Conference Room. Come for the Community Breakfast then join the group for Rosary Making. If you would like to know more, send an email to Jemi Mendoza at jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com.

School of Community —Sunday, August 31, 2:00pm

Join our parish's School of Community once every two weeks for a moment of fellowship in which we grow in our knowledge of the faith and our awareness of how the Good News of our Lord is actively working in and transforming our daily lives. Come as you are, no membership required! Our next gathering is on **Sunday, August 31** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at qoa.soc@yahoo.com.

BUNCO! BUNCO! BUNCO!

Tuesday, August 19, 6:00pm

Ladies, it's your night for fun, food and fellowship! We're meeting in the MAK Family Life Center on **Tuesday, August 19th** at **6:00 pm** to play BUNCO. It's a super easy, super fun game ... no experience is needed, just some luck! Please bring your favorite snack to share. Drinks will be provided. Come and join us for a great time. If you have any questions, email Alison Nolting at ants2@bellsouth.net.



**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?
Do you know someone that wants to
join the Church?**

**First meeting:
Wednesday, August 20, 6:15pm-7:30pm
MAK Family Life Center**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through a journey of faith formation, study, prayer, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. A group of interested adults engage in conversation, ask questions, discuss issues, break open the Word, and learn about the Catholic Church's history, symbols, and beliefs. They then fully enter into the period of enlightenment as they prepare for their initiation into the church during the Easter Vigil.

If you are interested in joining OCIA, or know someone who might be, please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 or email parishops@queenoftheapostles.org. Register by clicking on the QR Code:





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tamack@rcdoc.org

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KidZone

If you are interested in helping out with our KidZone Ministry here at church on Sunday mornings, please submit your letter of interest and resume to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

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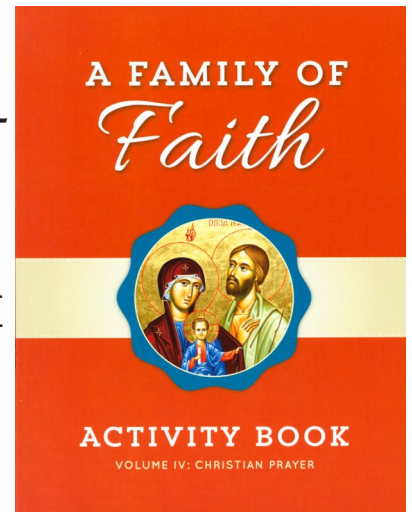
FAMILY FAITH FORMATION— REGISTER NOW!

Registration is open for the Family Faith Formation 2025-2026 program year! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8! *Deadline to register is November 2, 2025.*

Join us as we dig deeper into our faith with **A Family of Faith -Volume IV: Christian Prayer** which starts on **Sunday, September 14!** The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Meeting spaces will be designated for different levels based on ages. Be sure to look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements and by connecting to our flocknote group. You can connect to the Flocknote group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**.

Catechists are still needed! Please reach out to Anthony with any questions or if you have an interest in teaching.

For more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.



CROWDERS MOUNTAIN

POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH

12 PM TO 4:00 PM

WE WILL MEET AT CROWDERS MOUNTAIN AT NOON AND BEGIN OUR HIKE. AFTER THE HIKE WE WILL HEAD TO THE POOL. DETAILS ARE PROVIDED ON FLOCKNOTE. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED. THIS IS FOR RISING 6TH GRADE TO 12TH GRADE.

PLEASE CONTACT ANTHONY TO RSVP.



We love having you as part of our Flock!

Keep in touch with us via email and text!
Text **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576** for Family of Faith updates or **QOAYOUTHMINISTRY** to the number **84576** for Youth Ministries updates.

For more information, please contact Anthony at familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

Youth Parent Meeting

Parents are invited to join us for a Youth Parent Meeting on **Sunday, August 17 at 10:30am-11:00am** in St. Katharine Drexel Hall! Our Youth Ministry programs are for rising 6th through 12th grades! Come and see what we are doing and planning for youth this year!

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Este viernes, 22 de agosto, la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de la Coronación de María como Reina. Una semana después de la Asunción, contemplamos a nuestra Santísima Madre coronada de gloria en el cielo, reinando con su Hijo, el Rey de reyes. Su corona no es de oro ni de piedras preciosas, sino de gracia: la recompensa de una vida vivida en perfecta fidelidad a Dios.

Es un momento muy apropiado, al comenzar el año escolar, para reflexionar sobre lo que realmente significa el "éxito." En nuestro mundo, muchas veces se mide el éxito por las calificaciones, los logros y los premios — coronas que se desvanecen con el tiempo. María nos muestra un camino mejor: su corona viene de decir "sí" a Dios en cada momento, confiando plenamente en Él y dejando que su amor brille a través de su vida.

Para los estudiantes, maestros y padres de familia, el inicio del año escolar está lleno de metas y expectativas. La lección más importante es mantener a Cristo en el centro de todo lo que hacemos. Ya sea en el aula, en el trabajo o en el hogar, el ejemplo de María nos conduce a su Hijo. Vivir cada día con fe, humildad y amor nos lleva a la corona que nunca se marchita.

Al comenzar este año, oro para que nuestros estudiantes y educadores sean bendecidos con sabiduría, perseverancia y alegría. Pongo este año en manos de María, nuestra Reina y Madre, pidiéndole que nos guíe hacia su Hijo, fuente de toda sabiduría y dador de vida eterna.

¡María, Reina del Cielo, ruega por nosotros!

En Cristo,

P. Paul

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR- ¡REGÍSTRATE AHORA! La registración para la formación de fe en familia de 2025-2026 está abierta ahora en línea! Este es el programa de catequesis principal de Reina de los Apóstoles y llena los requisitos y requerimientos para los niños/as en K-8 grado!

¡Únase a nosotros mientras profundizamos en nuestra fe con Una Familia de Fe - Volumen IV: Oraciones Cristianas que comienza el domingo 14 de septiembre! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y dona, seguido de la reunión. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el edificio de Educación, asegúrese de buscar más información en los próximos anuncios del boletín.



REUNIÓN DE PADRES DE JÓVENES

¡Los padres están invitados a unirse a nosotros para una reunión de padres de jóvenes el domingo 17 de agosto de 10:30 a.m. a 11 a.m. en St. Catherine Drexler Hall (también conocida como la capilla o la iglesia vieja)! ¡Nuestros programas de ministerio juvenil son para estudiantes de 6 – 12º grado! Venga y vea lo que estamos haciendo y planificando para los jóvenes este año.

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

El bautismo generalmente se celebra los sábados por la mañana o por petición de tiempo especial solicitado, los padres que deseen presentar a un niño (menor de seis años) para el bautismo deben completar una preparación el sábado por la mañana aquí en la parroquia. Estos se ofrecen seis veces al año. Durante el embarazo o después del nacimiento de un niño son momentos apropiados para asistir. El próximo programa de preparación bautismal será el sábado 23 de agosto a las 10 a.m. en el espacio de reunión de la iglesia.

CAFÉ DEL MES

El sábado 30 de agosto los invitamos a pasar un rato agradable en nuestro café del mes. Puedes traer algo para compartir en comunidad. Todos invitados después de la Santa Misa en el MAK CENTER.

COLECTA DE COMIDA

Recogeremos los siguientes alimentos para SOCKS en agosto: maíz enlatado, carnes enlatadas, cereal, salsa para espagueti, pasta, mantequilla de cacahuete y mermelada. Por favor, lleven sus donaciones al altar y colóquenlas en las canastas provistas el fin de semana del 30 y 31 de agosto. Gracias por su generosidad.

PASTORAL DE DUELO

Si tienes un duelo que no has podido sanar, te invitamos a las charlas de Duelo que empezarán el miércoles 3 de septiembre / 2025. Por favor, para más información, contactar a la señora Alba Sepúlveda 704-906-9686.