

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

Eternal Life



THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
ALL SOULS' DAY
NOVEMBER 2, 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, November 1, 2025

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation
5:00pm Gloria and Robert Buchanan +
7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:15am For the People
11:15am Harold and Marie Schwartz +

Monday, November 3, 2025

9:00am Margaret Reeves Mayes +
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

9:00am No Mass

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

5:30pm Julieta R. Aleonar +

Thursday, November 6, 2025

9:00am Bob Lomus +
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, November 7, 2025

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation
9:00am Genny Kast +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, November 8, 2025-5:00pm

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Valentina Gomez, Jack Koury

EMCs: Al Hess, Mary Kane

Readers: Richard Swakla, Roger Duncan

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Larry Capps

Saturday, November 8, 2025-7:00pm

Eucaristia: Patricia Hernandez, Isabel Rodriguez

Lectores: Olger Romero, Evelyn Orellana

Sunday, November 9, 2025-9:15am

Altar Servers: Aidan Oplinger, Bella Miller, Jonah St. Romain

EMCs: Leonora Manaois, Beth McCain

Readers: Godfrey Edokpia, TJ St. Romain

Hospitality: Pat Godfrey, Mary Hooper

Sunday, November 9, 2025-11:15am

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Carter Robinson, Natalie Hawkins, Leo Dobies

EMCs: Gerry McDonough, Greg van Praag

Readers: Alberto Gonzalez, Sue Dolphin

Hospitality: Mike Proud, Yvonne Zarza

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Vince Ciccarelli & Son, Bronwen St. Romain, Rich Stipanovic, Brian Litfin

Linens:

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Joan Lynn



The collection from 10-26-2025 was \$21,087.04.

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

The tithe for the *Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Centers* from 10-26-2025 was \$1,054.00.

The tithe for this week is for *Gaston Skills Inc* which offers a second chance at work related skills for those in need of independence and dignity.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Every November, the Church turns her gaze toward eternity. The month begins with **All Saints' Day**, when we rejoice in those who already share the glory of heaven (cf. Revelation 7:9–17), and continues with **All Souls' Day**, when we remember and pray for those still being purified in God's mercy (cf. 2 Maccabees 12:44–46). Between those two observances stands the heart of our Christian faith: the hope of the **resurrection of the dead**.

For St. Paul, this hope is not vague or sentimental. It is the solid ground on which everything else rests. "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain" (*1 Corinthians 15:17*). But because Christ *has* been raised, our own resurrection is made possible. His victory over death was not for Himself alone—it was for us. "Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep" (*1 Corinthians 15:20*).

All Souls' Day reminds us that those who have "fallen asleep" in Christ have not disappeared. They await the same transformation we await: "the redemption of our bodies" (*Romans 8:23*), the renewal of all creation (*Romans 8:19–21*), the fullness of life in God. For Paul, this is not the survival of a ghostly soul but the raising of a glorified person—body and spirit restored, transfigured, and made like Christ. "He will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body" (*Philippians 3:21*).

That promise gives meaning to our prayers for the dead. When we commend our loved ones to God's mercy, we are not simply remembering the past—we are looking forward to the future. Our prayers, our Masses, and our sacrifices of love mysteriously figure in that great work of redemption, hastening the day when all will be made new (cf. 2 Peter 3:13). The souls we pray for now are destined for resurrection; they are being prepared for the same glory we hope to share.

St. Paul describes creation itself as "groaning in labor pains" until that day comes (*Romans 8:22*). Death, then, is not the end but the threshold; purgatory, not punishment but purification; resurrection, not resuscitation but rebirth into everlasting life. "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also" (*Romans 8:11*). The Spirit who sanctifies us now will one day raise us into the joy of the Kingdom.

All Souls' Day, therefore, is a day of hope. We grieve, but "not as those who have no hope" (*1 Thessalonians 4:13*). We pray, trusting that the Lord is faithful to complete the work He has begun (*Philippians 1:6*). And we live in the confidence that love is stronger than death (*Song of Songs 8:6*), that mercy is greater than judgment (*James 2:13*), and that every soul redeemed by Christ will one day stand radiant in His light.

Our resurrection—and theirs—is not wishful thinking. It is the promise sealed in the empty tomb. The saints in glory, the souls in purification, and we who still walk by faith all share one destiny: to rise with Christ and live forever in the life of the world to come.

"When Christ your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory." (*Colossians 3:4*)

Fr. Paul

A GALLERY OF REMEMBRANCE, November 1-23

We invite you to bring framed pictures of family members and loved ones who have died. Please be sure to place your name and phone number on the back of the frame. Place your framed pictures on the shelves in front of the altar to remain throughout the month as a reminder to pray for all who have died. This is also a reminder that death does not separate us in this great Communion we have in the church. You are welcome to remove these the weekend before Thanksgiving on November 22/23.

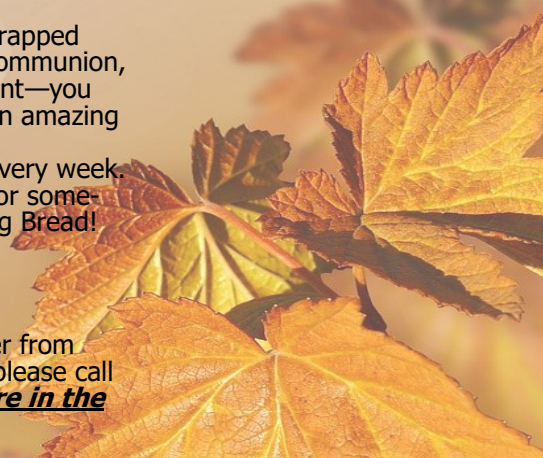


Thanksgiving Day Mass & Sharing Thanksgiving Bread Thursday, November 27, 9:00am

Bake a loaf of bread, rolls or dessert bread and bring to church with you wrapped with a note card from you and your family. Place it at the altar and after Communion, it will be blessed and then we will distribute all the bread to everyone present—you will receive someone else's loaf to take to your Thanksgiving table. What an amazing way to 'give thanks' and celebrate our connections to each other through the Eucharistic Table where we gather every week. (Can't bake? Try it! Or find a bakery and buy a nice loaf of special bread for someone to share at their Thanksgiving table). But come and share Thanksgiving Bread!

Sharing Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27, 11:00am-12:45pm

Join us for turkey dinner and all the trimmings in the MAK Family Life Center from 11am-12:45pm. RSVP by noon on November 20 to join us! For deliveries, please call 704-825-9600 by Thursday, November 20 at noon. **Volunteer signups are in the Gathering Space or call the church office during business hours.**



Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: All Souls' Day

Monday: Saint Martin de Porres

Tuesday: Saint Charles Borromeo

Wednesday: Saint Elizabeth

Thursday: Saint Leonard

Friday: Saint Achillas

Saturday: Saint Castorius

Sick and Homebound

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

Donna Snyder, 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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to dedicate Christmas Flowers in honor of or in memory of loved ones, please go to www.queenoftheapostles.org and reserved online or click the QR code. You may also call the church office during office hours to dedicate Christmas Flowers.



Weekly Rosary

The Rosary will be recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed from our website on our livestreaming channel.

*The next Rosary Recitation will be on **November 3 in English, November 10 in Spanish, November 17 in English and November 24 in Tagalog**.*

Readings for the Week

Monday Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday Rom 12:5-16b Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 Lk 14:25-33

Thursday Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 Lk 15:1-10

Friday Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Lk 16:1-8

Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Lk 16:9-15

Sunday Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22

LECTOR BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP

Please be sure to pickup your book in the Gathering Space on the counter near KidZone.

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. No reservation is needed. These sessions 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 on Saturday, November 8 at 10am in the Gathering Space.

If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

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:

Kathleen Pedroli in loving memory of Robert Lomus

The Fairfield Family in loving memory of Joseph and Diane Filipowicz



Food Collection—Collection will be November 29-30

Our collection for November will go to BREAD, Blessings Received Each Appointed Day. Here is their list. Cereal, peanut butter, Mashed potato flakes, hearty soup or stew canned, and canned yams. We are truly grateful for any shelf-stable food. We have enough rice, snacks, desserts, bread, and baby food. Thanks ever so much! Bring your donations to the altar the weekend of November 29-30, and place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your generosity.

First Monday—next meeting is Monday, November 3, 2pm

On the first Monday of every month, the First Monday Meal group meets in the MAK Family Life Center to prepare meals for two shelters in our community. Our next meeting is **Monday, November 3** from 2-4:30pm. Many hands make for light work and an enjoyable afternoon. Call, text, or email Laura Liska at 336-608-9630 (lollielive@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome all levels of experience!

Just for Men—next meeting is Monday, November 3 following the 7pm Rosary

The next Just for Men will meet on **Monday, November 3** after the 7pm Rosary with our study of the Book of Revelation. For more information or to get a copy of the study guide, text Deacon Chip at 704.488.5822 or email deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, November 4, 9:30am-10:30am

Please join us as we gather to pray for Priests on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel. from 9:30am-10:30am. For more information, please contact Donna Snyder at donnasnyder1976@gmail.com.

Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, November 4, 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 in the Conference Room. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! For more information, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at ejoconnor81@gmail.com or Mary Hasher at meherbert496@gmail.com.

Just for Ladies—Thursday, November 6, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning **Thursday, November 6** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7-8:30pm! All ladies are welcome to attend! The study will begin with discussion on Sunday Scripture. If you do not like to drive at night, a ride can be arranged for pickup. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, November 8, following the 5pm Mass

It will be such a sensation, an evening of friends and conversation, a real lively celebration! If you are over 50 and like to have FUN, please join us for our next Young at Hearts' potluck dinner on **November 8th!** Couples and singles alike, please bring a favorite dish or dessert to share. Dinner begins after the 5pm Mass in the MAK Center. You can drop your dish off before Mass starting at 4pm. Save the date and join us – we're always excited to have new people! For more information, please contact Sabrina Scruggs at sdmcky33@gmail.com.

School of Community —Sunday, November 9, 2:00pm-3:30pm

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, November 9** 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.

MOMS Group—Monday, November 10, 9:00am-11:00am

Ministry of Mothers Sharing will meet next on Monday, November 10 from 9:00am-11:00am. This group will meet on the second Monday of the month. Moms, be sure to join us for a time of fellowship and faith discussion! KidZone will be available and open for the children during the morning session time. For more information, please contact Jen Miller at jenmiller0813@gmail.com.

Widows: Side by Side—Will meet next on Monday, November 10, 1:00pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on **Monday, November 10 at 1:00pm**. With November being the month of remembrance, we will begin with the Recitation of the Rosary in the Chapel at 1:00pm. We will then go out to lunch. Please RSVP to Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org if you can attend.

ANGEL TREE 2025

*The Angel Tree will be available in the Gathering Space starting the weekend of **November 15/16**. Gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, December 7**. Please contact Julie Manchester at 704-860-4828 to volunteer, add a child to the tree or to ask questions about your angel tag. Volunteers are needed!*



faithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION— **Registration deadline November 2** **Next Meeting November 2**

The Family of Faith Program has begun! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8! Connect to our Flocknote Group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**. If you need more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at fami-lyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES—MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH!

Next Meeting on November 2

Join us for the next meet on **Sunday, November 2** from 5-7:30pm 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!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION— **Next meeting on November 2**

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class takes place on Sunday mornings with Dr. Rovati in the Conference Room from 10:30am-11:00am! This class follows the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us!

FIRST SACRAMENTS—

First Reconciliation and

First Eucharist—

November 3, 6:30pm, MAK Family Life Center

Registration for the First Sacraments Preparation Program will take place in person at the Mandatory Parent Meeting on **Monday, November 3 at 6:30pm** in the MAK Family Life Center. This is an only parents meeting and will be the only time to register your child for this program. Children must be in at least second grade and in their second year of religious education or attending a Catholic school.

For more information, please contact Anthony Beauregard.



Reminder: Family of Faith Registration Deadline Approaching!

Last day to sign up is November 2nd!

PINS & WINS

YOUTH NIGHT

NOVEMBER 9TH

This event will include bowling, laser tag, and pizza! 🍷🍕

It will take place instead of our regular youth meeting at the church.

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noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Desde el escritorio del Párroco

Cada mes de noviembre, la Iglesia dirige su mirada hacia la eternidad. El mes comienza con la **Solemnidad de Todos los Santos**, cuando nos alegramos por aquellos que ya comparten la gloria del cielo (cf. *Ap 7,9-17*), y continúa con la **Conmemoración de los Fieles Difuntos**, cuando recordamos y oramos por quienes todavía son purificados en la misericordia de Dios (cf. *2 Mac 12,44-46*). Entre estas dos celebraciones se encuentra el corazón de nuestra fe cristiana: la esperanza en la **resurrección de los muertos**.

Para san Pablo, esta esperanza no es algo vago ni sentimental. Es el fundamento sólido sobre el cual descansa todo lo demás. "Si Cristo no resucitó, vana es nuestra fe" (*1 Co 15,17*). Pero como Cristo *sí* resucitó, nuestra propia resurrección ya está asegurada. Su victoria sobre la muerte no fue solo para Él, sino también para nosotros. "Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos como primicia de los que murieron" (*1 Co 15,20*).

El Día de los Fieles Difuntos nos recuerda que quienes "duermen en Cristo" no han desaparecido. Esperan la misma transformación que nosotros: "la redención de nuestro cuerpo" (*Rm 8,23*), la renovación de toda la creación (*Rm 8,19-21*), la plenitud de la vida en Dios. Para san Pablo, no se trata de la supervivencia de un alma sin cuerpo, sino de la glorificación de la persona entera: cuerpo y espíritu restaurados, transfigurados y hechos semejantes a Cristo. "El transformará nuestro cuerpo miserable en un cuerpo glorioso como el suyo" (*Flp 3,21*).

Esa promesa da sentido a nuestras oraciones por los difuntos. Cuando encomendamos a nuestros seres queridos a la misericordia de Dios, no recordamos solo el pasado: miramos hacia el futuro. Nuestras oraciones, nuestras Misas y nuestros sacrificios de amor se unen a la gran obra de la redención, apresurando el día en que todo será renovado (cf. *2 Pe 3,13*). Las almas por las que oramos ahora están destinadas a la resurrección; se preparan para la misma gloria que esperamos compartir.

San Pablo describe la creación entera "gimiendo con dolores de parto" hasta que llegue ese día (*Rm 8,22*). La muerte, entonces, no es el final sino el umbral; el purgatorio no es castigo, sino purificación; y la resurrección no es una simple revivificación, sino un renacer a la vida eterna. "Si el Espíritu de Aquel que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos habita en ustedes, también dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales" (*Rm 8,11*). El mismo Espíritu que nos santifica ahora nos resucitará un día a la alegría del Reino.

Por eso el Día de los Fieles Difuntos es un día de esperanza. Lloramos, sí, pero "no como los que no tienen esperanza" (*1 Ts 4,13*). Oramos confiando en que el Señor completará la obra que ha comenzado en nosotros (*Flp 1,6*). Y vivimos seguros de que el amor es más fuerte que la muerte (*Ct 8,6*), que la misericordia triunfa sobre el juicio (*St 2,13*), y que toda alma redimida por Cristo brillará un día en su luz.

Nuestra resurrección —y la de ellos— no es un deseo ilusorio, sino la promesa sellada en el sepulcro vacío. Los santos en la gloria, las almas en purificación y nosotros que aún caminamos por la fe compartimos un mismo destino: resucitar con Cristo y vivir para siempre en la vida del mundo futuro.

"Cuando aparezca Cristo, vida de ustedes, también ustedes aparecerán con Él en la gloria." (*Col 3,4*)

P. Paul

FOTOS PARA EL ALTAR: La Iglesia tiene como tradición que cada año en noviembre coloca las fotos de nuestros difuntos en el Altar, para orar por ellos durante el mes.

Los invitamos a traer las fotos de sus familiares difuntos, entregarlas a un miembro del Comité para ser colocadas en el Altar y tenerlos en oración, es nuestro mejor tributo a ellos.

¿NECESITA INFORMACIÓN O ASISTENCIA?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 108. Horas de oficina son los martes y miércoles de 9:30 a 4:30. Adema puede programar una cita si necesita hablar con alguien en horas después de horas de oficina.