

QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles

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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Weekend Mass cancellations please refer to our website;
Weekdays: 2 hour delay when Gaston schools cancel or delay



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2024

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, January 27, 2024

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Mary Lally +

7:00pm Misa en Español

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am Ruth McCaskill Reeves+

11:15am For the People

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:00-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Susan Harris +

7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

No Mass

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

5:30pm Eugene Helms

Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:00am Nancy Beutel +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, February 2, 2024

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Catherine Prince +

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, February 3, 2024-5:00pm

Readers: Patty Topper, Alison Nolting

EMCs: Rich Pasqualone, Sharon Thrumel

Altar Servers: Janette Blanford, Valentina Gomez

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Rich Ryan

Sunday, February 4, 2024—9:15am

Readers: Joe Bruno, Adriana Echeverri

EMCs: Jayne Clark, Steve White

Altar Servers: Cathy Stokes, Daniel Sanchez, Corinne St. Romain

Hospitality: Mary Hooper, Brad Clark

Sunday, February 4, 2024—11:15am

Readers: Yoel Mussie, Gabriela Larkin

EMCs: Ana Larkin, Jay McGuinness

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Phelps Reed, Adam Acosta

Hospitality: Billy McHenry, Mike Proud

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Lisa & Jose Abadal, Carmela MacDonald, Laurie Mikulski, Jane Turner



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Collection from 01-14-2024: \$18,727.00

Collection from 01-21-2024: \$16,057.37

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes: The tithe from 01-14-2024 for *Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Centers* was \$936.00. The tithe from 01-21-2024 for *Gaston Skills Inc* was \$803. This week's tithe will support *Kara's Closet* which is a program designed to provide room makeovers for child victims.

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

Closed on Fridays.

DID YOU HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN? IF NOT, YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY?

Our church directory will not be complete without you!

More photo appointment times will soon be available on February 15, 16 & 17!

To register go to:

- **www.ucdir.com** and
- click on **Photography Appointment Scheduling Login**
- Then enter **NC468** with the password **photos**

You may also call the church office at 704-825-9600 for assistance during office hours.

If you're not able to schedule your family for an appointment, a portrait photo of your family can be submitted to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.



Sacraments

For more information about the following Sacraments or to schedule to receive them, please call the church office at 704-825-9600.

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.

Confirmation: Any adult needing the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please call the church office for more information so we can schedule a time to be confirmed.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Sunday, January 28, 12:30pm—Come & See Luncheon! **Men of the Parish & their Families**

The Knights of Columbus are inviting all men of the parish with their families to a luncheon on Sunday, January 28 after the 11:15am Mass in the MAK Family Life Center. Men, please join us with your families for a luncheon and to find out more about the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

RSVP to Joe Bruno by Friday, January 26, 704-860-9634 or join us without reserving.

Wednesday, February 21, 4-7pm—All You Can Eat, Low Country Boil! **Supplied by Salt Water Market, 4-7 PM here at the church.**

*The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Low Country Boil at the MAK Family Life Center on Wednesday, February 21st, from 4-7 PM. It is an "all you can eat" event prepared by the folks at SaltWater Market. Tickets are \$35 a piece and ice tea and lemonade are included. Beer will be available for a donation.. Proceeds from the event will go to the local K of C council charity fund which supports numerous charities in our community. Tickets will be on sale following Masses the weekends of January 28th and February 4th and are available from council members. Seating is limited so please plan accordingly. **ALL TICKETS MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED—TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 27/28 AND FEBRUARY 3/4.***

Knights of Columbus—Free Throw Championship

Our winner for Queen of the Apostles Council and the District 14 champion is Addison Willis, of Belmont, in the girls' Age 9 competition. Congratulations to Addison and thank you to all who participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The State Championship is in Burlington, NC on March 19th, good luck Addison.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Saint Sarbelius & Saint Barbea

Tuesday: Saint Aldegunaïs

Wednesday: Saint John Bosco

Thursday: Saint Brigid of Ireland

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Saturday: Saint Blaise

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 next on **January 29** in Creole.

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

Deployed Military

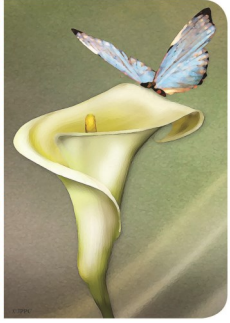
Please keep our deployed military in your prayers: Pvt. Mikhail T. Uloth

Online Giving

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



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.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY

*Brian Litfin in loving memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Litfin
&
Thy Nguyen in loving memory of
His father*

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 Our KidZone Ministry is currently in need of **teen volunteers** for the Sunday 9:15am & 11:15am Masses. If you are able to help with this ministry, please contact Julie Russo at juliebrusso@gmail.com or connect with our Flocknote groups by texting either **QOAKIDZONETEENS** to **84576**.

Altar Server Training—

Saturday, February 17, 10am & Wednesday, February 21, 4pm

Requirements for Altar Serving is that you should have received your First Holy Communion. If your child has an interest in be an altar server, please RSVP to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org. The training sessions will take place in the Church.



St. Michael Catholic School— Open House, Sunday, January 28

St. Michael Catholic School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. Come experience what life is like at Saint Michael Catholic school! We are located at 704 St. Michael Lane, Gastonia. Saint Michael is a dynamic, coeducational Catholic classical school founded in 1942. Saint Michael provides grades PK3-8 the opportunity to pursue a superior classical education empowered by strong faculty-student relationships and a vibrant community life. Saint Michael is a first-class learning facility with a strong classical curriculum made stronger by the study of our Faith. We are committed to guiding our students as they grow into young people of Faith, intelligence, and strength. Saint Michael welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds into our school community.



Monthly Food Collection

Food Collection - January's collection will go to BCO. They need oatmeal, grits, jelly, canned meats, canned pasta and pop-tarts. Please bring your donations to the altar the weekend of **January 27-28** and place them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your generosity.

School of Community — Sunday, January 28, 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, January 28** 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, February 1, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will next meet on **Thursday, February 1** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7-8:30pm. All ladies are welcome to attend. The current study is reflections for the next Sunday's scripture. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Just for Men— Monday, February 5, 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, February 5**. All men (18 and older, Catholic or not) are welcome. For more information or a study guide, call Deacon Chip at 704-488-5822 (text or call) or deaconchip@queenofthepotles.org.

MOM's Group, Ministry of Mothers Sharing— Friday, February 9, 9-11am

MOMS Group will next meet on **Friday, February 9** following the 9am Mass and will go until 11am. KidZone will be available and open for the children. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Cris Forero at cforero_perez@hotmail.com.

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner— Saturday, February 10, 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 **February 10** in the MAK Center! We are always extra excited to have new people join us too! Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share! 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.

Widows: Side by Side- Monday, February 12, 1pm at Hickory Tavern in Gastonia

Side by Side Widow's Group will have a Mardi Gra luncheon on **Monday, February 12**, 1:00pm at Hickory Tavern in Gastonia. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenofthepostles.org or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1005 with any questions.

Rosary Makers— Saturday, February 17, 10:30-11:30am

Please join the Rosary Makers at their next meet on **Saturday, February 17**, 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.

Community Breakfast— Saturday, February 17, 8-11am

Please come and join us **Saturday February 17** from 8 - 11 am to celebrate your special Valentine with a delicious breakfast of heart shaped pancakes and strawberries. Of course we will have all our other favorite breakfast items along with coffee and juice. Hope to see and serve you again! The breakfast team

Prayer Shawl Ministry— Will not meet on February 2—will next meet on February 27

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. Join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 27** in the Conference Room.

faithformation

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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 be meeting next on Sunday, February 4!** 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ONLY NIGHT!

Middle School Youth—join us for our Middle School Youth ONLY Night on **Sunday, February 4** from 5-7:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center! Dinner is provided—no cost to participate! Bring a friend and be sure to join us as we gather for fun, good, games and fellowship!

CONFIRMATION

The second retreat for the Confirmation Preparation program will take place on **Saturday, February 24** from 9am-11am. Meet in the Gathering Space of Church and arrive at 8:45am! We will be having Mass at 9am. A parent must attend with their child. 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

The first workshop for the First Eucharist Preparation Program will be on **Saturday, February 10** from 12-3pm. We ask that a parent attend with their child. We will have a lunch at the beginning of the workshop and will provide chicken strips and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. 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.



Summer Retreats



COVECREST (9TH - 12TH GRADE)
MAY 27TH - JUNE 1ST



STEUBENVILLE ATLANTA (RISING 9TH - 12TH)
JULY 26TH - JULY 28TH



HIDDEN LAKE (6TH - 8TH GRADE)
JULY 29TH - AUGUST 3RD

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Reflexión

SEÑOR, QUE NO SEAMOS SORDOS A TU VOZ.

Llegó Jesús a Cafarnaúm y el sábado siguiente fue a la sinagoga. La primera acción de Jesús, después de haber llamado a los discípulos, es la de insertarse en su ambiente de vida. Estamos en Cafarnaúm, en una sinagoga, en día sábado. Jesús vive la vida de su pueblo y, como todo piadoso hebreo, también va a la sinagoga en sábado. El hilo conductor que atraviesa todo el episodio que hoy se proclama es el de la autoridad de Jesús. Esta se manifiesta no sólo en su enseñanza, sino sobre todo en su capacidad de liberar a quien ha sido atrapado por el mal. ¿Por qué el sábado? La Explicación más obvia será la que mencionamos anteriormente: en este día se frecuentaba la sinagoga. Pero Marcos al darnos esta nota tiene otra intención: para quienes en la sinagoga buscan verdaderas noticias de Dios, la liturgia del sábado debería parecerle decepcionante: se escuchaban sólo palabras de los escribas, palabras ya sabidas y sin chispa, ya sin rasgos del fuego divino. Sólo Jesús es evidenciado, ya que sólo él está en plena misión, mientras que los discípulos, por ahora, deben limitarse a seguirlo. El Jesús que aparece en Marcos entra en acción como Maestro. La relevancia del tema emerge más bien de la relación que Jesús logra instaurar con los tuyos y por los contenidos de su enseñanza. Jesús sabe muy bien distinguir la diferencia entre hablar, enseñar y vivir. Por eso vemos que Jesús con sus discípulos se dedica a enseñarles y a caminar con él y de esa forma los iba acompañando en la misión, porque de verdad el pueblo quería escuchar las verdaderas noticias de Dios, es decir, ver caminos de conversión, de misericordia, de fe, esperanza y amor. No es tanto el hablar de Dios lo que quiere saber la gente, sino las buenas noticias expresados por un verdadero discípulo de Jesús, con todo lo compromete con su testimonio de vida. El discípulo de Jesús enseña a buscar a Jesús, a caminar con él, seguirlo de verdad, y siempre listo a ofrecer su vida por encima de todo. Les invito a reflexionar seriamente sobre nuestro compromiso de vida porque para seguir a Jesús verdaderamente se requiere: un cambio de mentalidad, un cambio de actitudes y un cambio de conducta. Para llegar a esto se requiere una verdadera conversión. Basta con que miremos a los primeros discípulos: escucharon la voz del Maestro y lo siguieron. ¿Qué tendremos que dejar para seguir a Jesús? Meditemos a través de un momento de oración profunda frente a Jesús.

Bendiciones.

P. José Antonio Juya V.

¿Necesita información o asistencia?

¿Necesita información o ayuda para registrarse en español para educación religiosa y/o programas sacramentales? Si es así, puede programar una cita para recibir ayuda. Comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-825-9600 ext. 1007.

Bautismo: Este importante signo de iniciación se celebra los sábados por la mañana. Los padres deben completar el programa de preparación. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos dos meses antes de su fecha anticipada para el bautismo.

Matrimonio: Este sacramento proporciona una oportunidad para que una pareja se mantenga como un signo del amor de Dios en la comunidad. Con este fin, un período de preparación es importante y necesario. Comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de su matrimonio propuesto para comenzar este proceso.

KidZone

KidZone está abierto durante las misas de 9:15 am y 11:15 am para los miembros más jóvenes de nuestra iglesia de 6 meses a 3 años de edad. Se encuentra fuera del Espacio de Reunión al entrar en la iglesia.