



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 8:30-4:30; closed Friday
Website: www.queenoftheapostles.org
St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Open Daily for Private Prayer:
Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:15pm;



October 1, 2023 Twenty-Sixth 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.

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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 30, 2023

5:00pm Horner Family
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, October 1, 2023

9:15am For the People
11:15am Glenard Alan Grabow +

Monday, October 2, 2023

9:00am Communion Service
7:00pm Rosary Recitation

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

No Service

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

5:30pm Communion Service

Thursday, October 5, 2023

9:00am Communion Service

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00am Communion Service



Collections from 09-24-2023: \$17,671.50

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

Our tithe to *The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Gaston* from 9-24-2023 was \$883.00. This week's tithe will support *With Friends* which provides housing and support services for homeless teenagers in Gaston County. Our tithe helps pay for continued services after government services.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY

Jayne & Brad Clark in loving memory of
The Pedrolí & Clark Family
and
Susan Mayes in loving memory of her
Grandmother Ruth Reeves

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.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, October 7, 2023—5:00pm

Readers: Lawton Blandford, Sandra Conrad

EMCs: Mary Kane, Jeanmarie Panzica

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez

Hospitality: Larry Capps, Rich Ryan

Sunday, October 8, 2023—9:15am Mass

Readers: Rita Paluszak, Caitrin MacAlester

EMCs: Lisa Owens, Sandy Endicott

Altar Servers: Daniel Sanchez, Garrison
MacAlester, Zoe Barthelemy

Hospitality: Pat Godfrey, Paul Todd

Sunday, October 8, 2023—11:15am Mass

Readers: Yoel Mussie, Patrick Larkin

EMCs: Therease Metivier, Lorraine Long

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Phelps Reed, Emma
Calabro

Hospitality Ministers: Yvonne Zarza, Mike Proud

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, October 8, 2023—9:15am

Peggy & Wayne Robertson, Steve Bernard, Kimber
Zappia, Laurie Mikulski

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.

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!

*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

Knights of Columbus

Life Chain October 1st, 2-3 p.m.

On Sunday October 1st (Respect Life Sunday) Queen of the Apostles Church will host the annual Life Chain. For 36-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 of your time. Our Life Chain will be held in front of the Church on North Main Street. We will stand in silent vigil with posters promoting our pro-life beliefs and witness to passerby's. Bring a chair if you wish and an umbrella for rain or sun. Water and posters will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Plan to arrive at 1:45 to participate from 2-3 PM. Contact Dan Turner 704-648-5511 if you have questions. Other local life chain locations include Belmont Abby College, East Belmont Baptist Church, Flint Groves Baptist Church Gastonia, and Stanley Pentecostal Holiness Church and St. Michael's Catholic Church Gastonia.

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 11-3 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).



Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

Tuesday: Saints Ewald & Ewald

Wednesday: Saint Francis of Assisi

Thursday: Saint Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Friday: Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

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 October 2 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!

KidZone Staff Position Available

We are currently seeking an adult to join our KidZone Staff. If you are interested, please send a resume to Chrissy at parishshops@queenoftheapostles.org.

KidZone

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.

Come Join a Choir!

Music is a vital part of our Liturgies! Anyone is invited to join one of our 3 choirs.

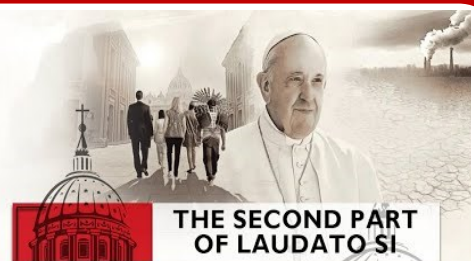
Children's Choir ages 4 to 5th-grade practices on Wednesday evenings in KidZone from 5:15—5:45pm. **Youth Choir** is for middle school and high school teens. This choir practices on

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!***



Pope Francis— The Second Part of Laudato Si

On October 4th, Pope Francis will publish part two of his Laudato Si': On Care of our Common Home! Together we are urged to take better care of our earth to help protect the most vulnerable people in the world,...our brothers and sisters.





School of Community — Sunday, October 1, 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.

First Monday—Monday, October 2, 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, October 2** 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! "

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.

Just for Ladies—Thursday, October 5, 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.

Community Breakfast—Saturday, October 14, 8-11am

Autumn has come and the mornings are getting cooler, come and join us for some hot coffee and amazing pancakes and French toast Saturday October 14th from 8-11am at the Family Life Center. Hope to see and serve you again! The Breakfast Team

Rosary Makers—Saturday, October 14, 10:30-11:30am

Need a Rosary? You can find one in the Gathering Space at church. Rosary Makers also make rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. Our group has provided rosaries to missions in Africa, the Ukraine, Pakistan, Korea, and several Central and South American countries. We meet in the MAK Center conference room on the same Saturdays as the monthly Community Breakfasts. If you would like to know more, send an email to jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com or join us at our Saturday, October 14th meeting, 10:30-11:30am.

Young at Hearts' Potluck Dinner—Saturday, October 14, 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 **October 14** 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, October 16, 1pm

Side by Side Widow's Group meets next at 1:00pm on Monday, October 16 in the Conference Room. Contact Jeanne LaFrancis at pastoralassoc@queenoftheapostles.org or call the office at 704-825-9600, ext 1006 with any questions.

**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.



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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2023-2024 PROGRAMS

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

If you haven't registered yet, please click the QR code. 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 next meet on Sunday, October 8! 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.



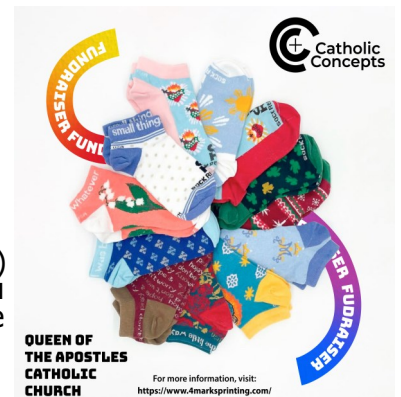
Click on the QR Code to register for A Family of Faith

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! Join us October 8 at Bowl N' Bounce!

YOUTH SOCK FUND RAISER

Mark your calendars! The youth of our parish will be selling some super Saintly socks, stickers, and shirts after all Masses October 7-22. Cash and check will be accepted for in person sales. We will also have a website (available 10/7) with socks and stickers available for purchase with credit card. (Feel free to share the link with family and friends, far and wide.) We appreciate your support and hope you can get some early holiday shopping done too!



YOUTH MINISTRIES TRIP

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 4:45-7:00PM

BOWL-N-BOUNCE IN LAKE WYLIE

BOWLING, LASER TAG, PIZZA & DRINK - COST: \$10



Click on the QR Code to register for Bowl N' Bounce



noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión

Jesús nos habla con una parábola muy sencilla pero también muy clara. Lo importante no son las palabras, sino los hechos. Jesús se dirige a los sacerdotes de la época, a los fariseos y doctores de la ley. Son personas que han dicho sí a la práctica religiosa, pero la realidad es que no aparecen salvo en momentos muy puntuales. Esto es aplicable también a nosotros hoy, decimos Si al Señor, nos comprometemos, pero al final dedicamos el tiempo a otras cosas y nos olvidamos del compromiso. Nos llamamos cristianos, pero sólo pisamos la Iglesia para el Bautismo, volvemos tiempo después para recibir la Primera Comunión, algunos aparecen para la Confirmación, después vuelven para casarse y se acabó. Eso no es ir a la viña, eso no es compromiso. Eso es apariencia, tradición o como queremos llamarlo. Nos comprometemos con la parroquia para compartir y vivir la fe, pero no es un compromiso que sale del corazón, porque empezamos con mucha fuerza, mucha energía y pasados unos meses nos vamos desinflando, perdiendo las ganas y al final ponemos excusas para no acudir. Reflexionemos cómo es mi compromiso con Dios y con su viña. Muchas veces nuestro egoísmo hace que no acudamos a la invitación de Cristo de ir a trabajar a su lado. Ahora es el tiempo de decirle: "Sí, Señor, ten la seguridad de que acudiré a tu viña para ayudarte". Necesitamos ingeniárnoslas para ver cómo podemos hacer feliz a la Persona que nos amó y ama tanto, buscando lo que más le agrada. Y lo que Cristo quiere es nuestro corazón y nuestra vida entera, para que trabajemos junto a Él en la viña de nuestro entorno social, para poder realizarnos dándonos a nosotros mismos y ayudar a los demás; dando testimonio de su amor.

Que Dios les Bendiga

P. José Antonio Juya V.

COLECTA DE COMIDA

La colecta de comida del mes de octubre será para nuestros amigos de. Ellos estarán necesitando los siguientes alimentos; gelatinas, verduras enlatadas, frutas enlatadas, papas instantáneas, cualquier alimento seco, carne enlatada, cereales y mantequilla de maní. Por favor trae sus donaciones durante el fin de semana del 28 y 29 de octubre y colocarlas en las canastas que se encuentran frente al altar. Gracias por su apoyo y generosidad

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!

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR

¡La inscripción ya está abierta para el programa Una Familia de Fe de este año! ¡Este es el programa catequético principal 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! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a. m. en el MAK Family Life Center con café y donas, seguido de la reunión a las 10:30 a. m. A las 11:00 am, las familias con niños se reunirán en la iglesia, los adultos sin niños se reunirán en el MAK Family Life Center. La próxima reunión será el domingo 8 de octubre de 2023.

¿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. 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 2024, 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 2024, deberá registrarlo en el programa de Confirmación.