



# QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

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*Comunidad Catolica de Belmont*

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## January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

**Weekday Eucharist** Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:00am  
*Now in the main church*

**Weekend Eucharist** Holy Days: 9:00am and 7:00pm  
Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español)  
Sunday: 9:15 & 11:00 am

**Reconciliation:** Friday 7:30-8:30am & Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm  
By Appointment

**Misa en Español:** Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

**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.

## 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, January 1, 2022

9:00am First Saturday  
Mass for New Year's Day,  
Mary, Mother of God  
5:00pm Bobby Zwanziger +  
7:00pm Misa en español

**There is no evening Mass of anticipation for the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

### Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:15am Eileen Yeager +  
11:00am For the People

### Monday, January 3, 2022

9:00am Chris Wall +  
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in English

### Tuesday, January 4, 2022

No Services

### Wednesday, January 5, 2022

5:30pm Mass

### Thursday, January 6, 2022

9:00am Mass

### Friday, January 7, 2022

9:00am Mass

## Collections

Collection 12-19-2021: \$18,382.37

*Thank you for your support of the parish!*

## Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity into the collection the week of December 19, we were able to send a tithe of \$919.00 to Kara's Closet. Our tithe this week goes to Step Up for Family Safety, offering abuse intervention services and counseling for abusers. Step Up exists because they know abusers can change, and if they can change, women and children will be safer.

## St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Is Open Daily for Private Prayer

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30am-5:15pm**

**Wednesdays from 10:00am-5:45pm**

**Fridays from 8:30am-12:15pm**

## Stewardship

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do—are equally precious in his sight.

## Liturgical Ministers:

**Saturday, January 8, 2022—5:00pm**

**Readers:** Sandra Conrad, Gail Bruno

**EMCs:** Joan Lynn, Pat Perrigo

**Altar Servers:**

**Hospitality:** Elizabeth Atterberry, Todd Morgan

**Sunday, January 9, 2022—9:15am Mass**

**Readers:** Tom Katsuleris, Cam Tracy

**EMCs:** Deborah Eagon, Ernie Manaos

**Altar Servers:** Lily McBride, Frank Gareis

**Hospitality:** Marcie Bonar, John Fink

**Sunday, January 9, 2022—11:00am Mass**

**Readers:** Lynda Woods, Jerome Butler

**EMCs:** Betsy San-Millan, Colleen Sutton

**Altar Servers:** J. Mack & Savannah Butler

**Hospitality Ministers:** Keith McGuinness, Rich Ryan

## Sitio web: ahora también en español

¡El sitio web de nuestra iglesia ahora tiene la opción de ser visto en español! Simplemente haga clic en la casilla EN y tendrá la opción de hacer clic en la opción ES para ver nuestro sitio en español. Si está viendo el sitio web a través de su teléfono inteligente, haga clic en el cuadro de menú (tres líneas) en la parte superior de la pantalla. Luego verá el símbolo de la bandera en la parte inferior que luego puede cambiar a español.



## LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our website at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org) and click on the LiveStreaming tab to be connected to the site.

## From the Pastor's Desk ...

This weekend as we celebrate the Epiphany, we gather for the last weekend of the Christmas Season this year. In reflecting on the travelers who wend their way to the home in Bethlehem we are reminded that God guides all of us to find our home as well. That is why this feast has always traditionally been a day to bless the house. An abbreviated Epiphany House Blessing is included here for you to use in your home before Sunday night. Gather the family at the front door or, as I do, stand there yourself if you are alone and begin:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*(Read the account of the Magi in Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 2: 1 – 12)*

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, look on us with love.

Bless our coming in and going out of this home and bless this home in your mercy.

Send your angels to protect us and make us always aware that when we open our door to anyone we will, like the Wise Men, see the presence of Christ in them.

Give us the Grace we need to allow them to see the welcome of Christ in us as well.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Mark the doorpost or the top of the door in chalk with the traditional names of the Three Kings and the new year:*

**20 G + M + B 22**

Then conclude by singing (at least) the first verse of "We Three Kings."

May this new year be filled with blessings for you and all you love. I am personally so grateful to so many of you who were generous to me at Christmas this year. I am touched by your kindness. Please know I remember you gratefully in my prayers each day.

Fr Paul

## Can You Help With Coffee & Donuts?

We are looking to restart our coffee & donuts following Sunday morning Masses beginning **January 9** but we are in dire need of additional team members. With enough volunteers, you shouldn't need to help more than once a month at one Mass. We have separate teams for each Mass. Please consider volunteering your time for this wonderful ministry that fosters our community spirit. To volunteer or for more information, contact Chrissy at [music@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:music@queenoftheapostles.org).



## Diocesan Support Appeal 2021

Please be generous to the DSA. You may find an envelope located at the exits and return it to the office or go to [charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://charlottediocese.org/dsa) to make a gift online.



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# Mardi Gras

Fundraiser Auction Benefit

Saturday, February 26th 6pm - Midnight

Gastonia Conference Center

145 South Marietta Street, Gastonia, NC 28052

Purchase tickets at <https://queenoftheapostles.cjoinme.org/FAB2021>

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6;

Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;

Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18;

Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4;

Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13;

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21;

Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7

or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10

or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;

Acts 10:34-38

or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Sick and Homebound

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

Patrick Bragg (Ivy Nursing Center, Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler, Jay Petruska, Raphael Winters

## Friday, January 14, 2022

### 16<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life Charlotte!

The day begins with *Mass for the Unborn* at 9:00am at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church at 6828 Old Reid Rd, Charlotte. At 11:00am, the group gathers in the parking lot across from the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 1123 South Church St. At 12:00pm the march moves to Trade and Tryon to witness for The Unborn for a guest preacher and prolife speaker, followed by praying the Most Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join with others to march and pray for an end to abortion. See schedule details at [www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com](http://www.marchforlifeforcharlotte.com).



## Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be used for Safe Alliance which serves victims of domestic violence by providing safety planning, crisis counseling and assistance applying for protective orders. They also accompany the victims to court and can help provide legal representation. Additionally, Safe Alliance provides necessities for the children of these victims, who have often left home with just the clothes on their backs. Our tithe will help supply these items. To learn more, go to <http://www.safealliance.org>.

## Online Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests can be sent to [prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto: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.

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

**Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Wednesday:** St. John Neumann

**Thursday:** St. André Bessette

**Friday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday  
Julian Calendar Christmas

## Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly. *Recitation is now in-person as well as LiveStream!* The rosary will be recited on **January 3** in English and **January 10** in Spanish.

## Food Collection

Our first monthly collection for 2022 is for BREAD. Their current needs include cold cereals, canned meats and stews, instant potatoes and small bottles of cooking oil. Bring your donations to the altar and place in the baskets provided the weekend of January 29-30. The Knights of Columbus will deliver the following week. Thank you for making our community stronger with your generous support.

## Friends Helping Friends

Registered parishioners are invited to post requests for services needed or services they are able to provide on the bulletin board in the breezeway. Please use only the forms provided on the shelf beneath the board—no personal notices or resumes. Please copy the information from the board if you are making use of it and leave the posted slips so that others may also take advantage of the opportunities.

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

## A Home for All: History of Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church By Jack H. Morris

A hardbound edition of parishioner Jack Morris's history of our parish and the area Catholic community is available for purchase through the church office. The office is open Mondays-Fridays from 8:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30. The cost for this beautiful edition is \$30. (Please add \$12 for shipping if your book needs to be mailed.) Please provide exact cash amount, a check or money order for in person purchases. Electronic payments may be made through online giving at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). *Prepaid sales only may be picked at weekend Masses. No sales will take place at church.*



# community happenings



## Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained

Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. **Symbolon: Knowing the Faith** explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. Join Father Paul on Wednesday, **January**

**5**, 6:05-7:05pm in the MAK Family Life Center as we explore this series and get a whole new perspective of Catholicism. This study will follow the first and third Wednesdays of the month.



## Community Breakfasts are Back!!

Finally after a long break (2 years to be exact) our monthly Pancake breakfast will return!

Please come join us on Saturday, **January 8** from 8:00-11:00am at the MAK Family Life Center for our famous Pancakes, French toast, Sausage... etc. Hope to see and serve you again! Made to order breakfast is free to all. Donations are welcomed.

## Young at Hearts Covered Dish Supper—Welcome Back—Again!!

Let's try this again! Plan to gather for the first time in awhile on Saturday, **January 8** in the MAK Family Life Center following the 5:00pm Mass. All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend. Contact Elizabeth Atterberry at [boborliz@bellsouth.net](mailto:boborliz@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

## Come join a Choir!!

Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, **January 12**. Please come and help us enhance the Liturgy.

### Adult Choir

Members practice each Wednesday evening from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Providing good musical leadership, the adult choir not only leads on Sunday, but also participates in special liturgies such as Christmas, Holy Week, and the Easter Vigil as well as performing a Christmas Cantata.

### Children's' Choir

Do your little ones love to sing along during Mass? Why not have them join the children's choir? For grades Kindergarten through 5th grade, the choir experience helps them to learn how to sing and participate during the Mass. The choir meets on Wednesday nights during the school year from 5:15-5:45 pm in the chapel in Drexel Hall.

### Youth Choir

Singing during Mass is encouraged at all ages. Youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited to be part of the choir that sings at special occasions such as the Christmas Masses, Holy Week, Pentecost and other liturgies. The youth that participate enjoy learning how to become leaders of song during Mass as well as experience awesome fellowship. Practices are Wednesday nights from 6:15 – 7:15 pm.

## Rosary Makers

Each year requests for millions of rosaries arrive at the national office of Our Lady's Rosary Makers in Kentucky. These requests are for Catholic Missions throughout the world. Groups like ours here at QoA make rosaries to help meet this need. Will you help? We provide training and supplies. We meet from 10:30am-12:30pm one Saturday a month. We will meet again on Saturday, **January 8**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Marilyn Warmington at 704-827-0823.

## Just for Ladies

Our Just for Ladies Bible study group will take a break for the holiday then meet next on Thursday, **January 6** in the Drexel Hall (*please note the location change*) from 7:00-8:30pm. Ladies, please join in for this new study, *Women of the Old Testament*. Please contact Janet Blaylock at [qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com](mailto:qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

## Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study meets next on Monday, **January 3** in the Conference Room following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. Please join us for *The Acts of the Apostles*. Contact Deacon Chip Wilson at [deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org) or 704-488-5822 if you are interested in joining the group or need more information.



## LifeTeen & EDGE Need Volunteers!

We are seeking new faces to help with our high school and middle school youth ministries. Why should you give your time and energy to hang out with high school and middle school youth every week? Because as you watch these remarkable young people build a relationship with Christ and journey along with them through their trials and joys, you realize the reward is greater than your effort!

The CoreTeam is the heart and soul of the your ministry experience. One of the main tasks is to lead small groups. In teams of two or three, CoreTeam members facilitate small group discussions and activities during meets. Session plans are provided so you can review and prepare for each session. Members typically remain with the same group all year allowing CoreTeam and youth to develop meaningful relationships. Other tasks include helping with opening and closing prayers, sharing faith experiences, catechetical talks to the large group and a lot more. Meets are from 5:00-8:30 on Sunday evenings during the school year. Your gifts and talents are needed! Please prayerfully consider this highly rewarding ministry. Contact Jayme Cannon for more information at [youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Catechist and Volunteers Needed

There is an opening for a catechist in our Elementary Faith Formation religious education program. This program operates on scheduled Wednesdays from 6pm-7:15pm. Additional adult and teen volunteers are also needed. If you have an interest, please contact Debbie at [formation@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:formation@queenoftheapostles.org) or call 704-825-9600, ext. 26.

## EDGE Middle School Camp

We are excited to announce a new ministry for middle school youth next summer. **August 1-6, 2022**, rising 6th graders-graduated 8th graders are invited to join us for an unforgettable week-long Catholic summer camp experience designed specifically for Catholic youth. Hidden Lake, located four hours from Belmont in Dahlonega, GA, is an incredible opportunity for your child to be free and confident in themselves, to develop new friendships with other youth from QoA and around the country and to encounter God working in their lives. An information meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, **February 23** at 6:30p, in the MAK Family Life Center. Space is limited. Registration opens February 23 at 7:00pm. Please contact Jayme at 704-825-9600 ext. 24 or at [youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org).



### SAVE THE DATES FOR SUMMER 2022!

**Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 26 - Thursday, June 30, 2022.**

**Summer Faith Formation for Grades 1-5 will be Sunday, July 10 - Thursday, July 14 and Sunday, July 17 - Thursday, July 21.**

## Catholic Heart Work Camp

The information meeting for next summer's Catholic Heart Work Camp is on Wednesday, **February 9** at

6:30pm. This meeting is for youth and parents interested in the 2022 Summer Mission Trip. Current 8th graders-17 year olds are invited to participate. We will be going to Nashville, TN from **July 10-16**. Space is limited. Registration opens at 7:00pm on **February 9**. Please contact Jayme at 704-825-9600 ext. 24 or [youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org).



# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## SYMBOLON:

### La Explicación de la Fe Católica

Con demasiada frecuencia tratamos de vivir una fe que no conocemos ni entendemos. Algunos de nosotros tropezamos con la fe, pasando por los movimientos. Otros simplemente se alejan. Symbolon: Explicación de la Fe explica lo esencial de la Fe Católica en una forma que informará nuestras mentes e inspirará nuestros corazones. Únete al Alberto y María González el miércoles, 15 de diciembre

de 6:05-7:05pm en el espacio de reunion de la iglesia mientras explora esta serie y obtén una perspectiva completamente nueva del catolicismo. Este estudio seguirá al primero y al tercero miércoles del mes."

**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.

## EDGE Middle School Camp

Estamos muy contentos de anunciar un nuevo ministerio para los jóvenes de la escuela intermedia (Middle School) el próximo verano. Del 1 al 6 de agosto de 2022, los estudiantes de sexto a octavo grado están invitados a unirse a nosotros para una experiencia inolvidable de un campamento de verano católico de una semana diseñado específicamente para jóvenes católicos. Hidden Lake, ubicado a cuatro horas de Belmont en Dahlonaga, GA, es una oportunidad increíble para que su hijo sea libre y tenga confianza en sí mismo, desarrolle nuevas amistades con otros jóvenes de QoA y de todo el país y que encuentren a Dios trabajando en sus vidas. Una reunión de información está programada para el miércoles 23 de febrero a las 6:30 p. m., en el MAK Family Life Center. El espacio es limitado. La inscripción abre el 23 de febrero a las 7:00 pm. Comuníquese con Jayme al 704-825-9600 ext. 24 o envíe un correo a [youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Catholic Heart Work Camp

La reunión de información para el Catholic Heart Work Camp (Campo de Trabajo del Corazón Católico) del próximo verano es el miércoles 9 de febrero a las 6:30 pm. Esta reunión es para jóvenes y padres interesados en el Viaje Misionero de Verano 2022. Se invita a participar a los estudiantes actuales de 8º grado a 17 años. Iremos a Nashville, TN del 10 al 16 de julio. El espacio es limitado. El registro se abre a las 7:00 pm el 9 de febrero. Comuníquese con Jayme al 704-825-9600 ext. 24 o [youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Reflexion

Unos hombres venían de oriente. Ellos habían visto una estrella diferente a las demás. Una estrella nacida hacía unos días, lo que equivaldría a un fenómeno extraordinario. Lo comentan con todos los habitantes de la ciudad en donde están. La ciudad se sobresalta por tal anuncio. ¿Qué harías si hoy te preguntaran si has visto la estrella que acaba de nacer? Tenían fe y supieron descubrir en el brillo de esa estrella diminuta, que a ratos se les escabullía, el paso de Dios por sus vidas. Y es que, hace falta tener los oídos interiores bien limpios para escuchar la voz de Dios. El rey Herodes, a través de estos magos, recibió también una invitación de Dios para sumarse a los que adorarían al Niño. Pero la basura del egoísmo y el ruido del poder acumulado en sus oídos, no le permitieron escuchar. Se quedó en su palacio y se ensució el alma con la muerte de tantos inocentes. La sencillez de los magos, se nos presenta unida a su fe, en el momento del encuentro con el Niño: Y de hinojos le adoraron, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron como dones de oro, incienso y mirra. Estos hombres los recordamos hoy. Hace más de dos mil años que observaron el fenómeno de la estrella, y aún hoy se observa este milagro. Una estrella ha nacido, y nace en esta Navidad, y nacerá en las siguientes navidades. Esa Estrella la llamamos Jesús. Un Niñito nacido un lejano 24 de diciembre, y que sigue recibiendo la visita de unos magos cada año. Unos magos que eran de oriente y que hoy los niños del mundo quieren muchísimo. Esos magos le llevaron unos regalos al Niño Dios, pero no se dieron cuenta de que ellos fueron quienes recibieron el mayor regalo, el conocimiento de Dios a través de la Fe. Ojalá que, en este día, escuchemos la voz del recién nacido. Y si no la percibimos, lavémonos los oídos, curemos nuestra sordera de alma y no nos quedemos solos y tristes como Herodes.

