



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Open Daily for Private Prayer:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30am-4:15pm;

Wednesdays from 8:30am-5:45pm; Fridays from 8:30am-12:15pm

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



February 5, 2023
Fifth 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, February 4, 2023

9:00am Mass-First Saturday
5:00pm Ethan Pepitone +
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:15am For the People
11:15am Daniel Duncan +

Monday, February 6, 2023

9:00am Scott Meehan—health
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in English

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

No Services

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

5:30pm Teeny Guryn +

Thursday, February 9, 2023

9:00am Mass
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

Friday, February 10, 2023

9:00am Mass



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Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$903.00 to SOCKS. This week our tithe goes to Shining Hope Farm using riding therapy to assist adults and children with developmental and other disabilities. Our tithe helps with clients who are in financial need.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, February 11, 2023—5:00pm

Readers: Roger Duncan, JeanMarie Panzica

EMCs: Joan Lynn, Pat Perrigo

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Natalia Gomez

Hospitality: Todd Morgan, Elizabeth Atterberry

Sunday, February 12, 2023—9:15am Mass

Readers: Dennis Anene, Gail Bruno

EMCs: Beth McCain, Steve White

Altar Servers: Brennan Phillips, Reese Rodite,
Daniel Sanchez

Hospitality: Mary Hooper, Paul Todd

Sunday, February 12, 2023—11:15am Mass

Readers: Patrick Larkin, Liz Sisk

EMCs: Jan Kauer, Jay McGuinness

Altar Servers: Austin Berrong, Zoe Barthelemy,
John Calabro

Hospitality Ministers: Neil Kauer, Mike Proud

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, accurately and on time.

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2023**

to **SERVE** *is to* **LOVE**

"To Serve is to Love," is the theme of the 2023 Diocesan Support Appeal. By now you should have received a letter or postcard from Bishop Jugis asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond by filling out your pledge and mailing it this week. Bishop Jugis asks each of us to prayerfully consider a gift to the DSA as a way of serving Christ through service to thousands of Catholics in western North Carolina.

Donut Ministry:

Sunday, February 12, 2023—9:15am

John & Janie Fout, Pat Godfrey, Patricia Lynch

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.

From the Pastor's Desk...

The last of the three Lenten practices is almsgiving — the practice of charity, using our resources to be generous to others for the sake of God.

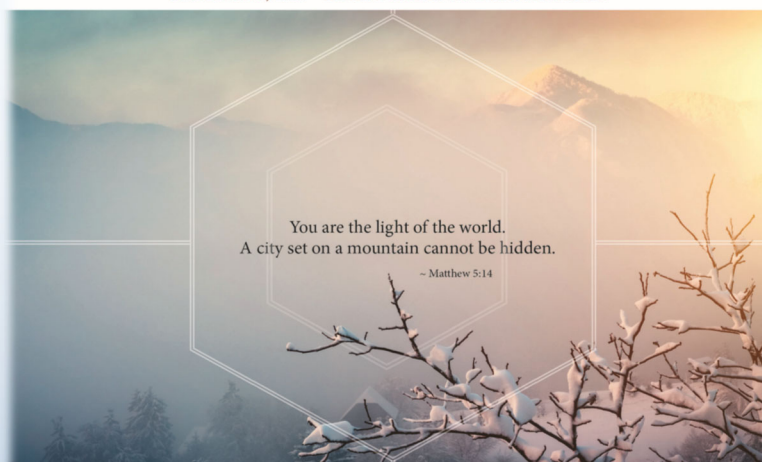
As a parish, we do a wonderful job of this financially through our weekly tithing partners, and I have been impressed and edified by the tradition of charity that our parish has displayed. As we consider our commitment to the Diocesan Support Appeal these next weeks, we can also remember that our almsgiving has benefits even beyond our local community, through our diocesan ministries and programs. The DSA is our parish's primary way of supporting Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charlotte, which does such good work in our communities throughout the diocese. Our assessment this year is \$109,149. If everyone works together, all of our contributions add up to an amount that makes a big difference in many peoples' lives. Thank you for your help!

Almsgiving can also tie in with fasting. If we've been giving up our takeaway coffee for Lent, for example, we can give what we "saved" to someone who is in need. This link reminds us, of course, that charity isn't limited to financial generosity. We can "give alms" by spending time volunteering or reaching out to people we haven't heard from in a while or addressing a kind word to someone we encounter. There are so many opportunities to practice charity.

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving — these three practices help us to imitate Christ the Lord, and in imitating him, bring us closer to him throughout the season. Lent and its self-denial are not things that we should dread, but as we should do with any good medicine, let's try to see past any temporary discomfort to the health of body, mind, and soul that will come as a result. Ask the Lord what he's calling you to do this Lent and respond generously.

Fr. Paul

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 • FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19;
Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a;
Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17;
Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;
Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5;
Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7;
Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24;
Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sir 15:15-20;
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37
[20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

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 February 6 in English, **February 13** in Spanish, **February 20** in English and **February 27** in Creole, **March 6** in English and **March 13** in Tagalog.

Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies Bible Study which regularly meets on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 in the MAK Family Life Center will be taking a break for the holidays. We will starting a new study, Women of the New Testament in February. We meet next on Thursday, **February 9**. For more information contact Janet Blaylock at goajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Just for Men

Meet with other men of the parish to reflect on God's word, pray and spend time together on the first Monday of each month following the recitation of the rosary in the church at 7:15pm. We gather in the Conference Room. Our meeting is scheduled on **February 6**. For additional information, Roger Duncan can be reached at 412-289-9147 or Deacon Chip Wilson at 704-448-5822 or deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas: *Qui Quaeris*

"Who Are You Looking For?" a day of faith and fellowship including keynote speakers, Mass, rosary, confessions, adoration and lunch will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday, **March 18**. \$40 general admission; \$35 specials & students; \$25 virtual. Go to www.catholicmenofthecarolinas.org for more information.

Have you completed the Protecting God's Children Program? Don't forget to read the ongoing monthly bulletins at Virtus.org to stay current. Just log in to your account and click the Training tab.

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

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; *Tu B'Shvat* (the Jewish new year of trees) begins at sunset
Monday: St. Paul Miki & Companions
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
Friday: St. Scholastica
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

Deployed Military

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

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.

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

Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm—MAK FLCenter **Knights of Columbus Insurance & Benefit Night**

Join Jamey Jenkins, FIC, the Field Agent for Knights of Columbus for a presentation and q&a sessions on the benefits offered through Knights of Columbus Insurance. Benefits include life insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement annuities and disability income insurance. This is open to all parish men and their wives. Refreshments served and door prizes awarded. Contact GK Tom Carey at 904-728-4300 to reserve a spot.

community happenings



Monthly Food Collection

February's collection goes to the Belmont Community Organization (BCO). They need rice, grits, oatmeal, cookies, crackers and pop tarts. Please bring your donations to the baskets at the altar the weekend of **February 25-26**. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 10:30-12:30. 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 is on **February 7** in the Conference Room.



First Monday

We will resume Monday, **February 6**. To determine the menu for the meals, **please call, text, or email** Kathy Guzman by Friday February 3 if you will be able to help in the kitchen. We make meals for two shelters in our community. Lots of fun and laughter are going on in the kitchen from 1:00-4:00pm. Call, text, or email Kathy Guzman at 704-806-3737 for more information, her email is kguzman@katzbrunner.com. A reminder will be sent via email. Thank you!

Coat Drive Wrap-up

Our annual coat drive was a huge success, getting bigger every year! Donated items included: 67 men's coats/sweaters; 99 women's coats/sweaters; 131 kid's coats/sweaters. Miscellaneous winter items collected included 105 hats, 152 pairs of gloves, 47 scarves, 139 pairs of socks, 149 other assorted items and 7 blankets or afghans. We thank our parishioners for their generous support. All collected items are going to the Haitian Community in Charlotte in collaboration with Kimber Walters.



Saturday, February 11 following 5:00pm Mass **Young at Hearts Covered Dish Supper**

All parishioners over 50 are invited to attend. It is held in the MAK Family Life Center. Contact Rich Dudley at 704-252-4571 or richarddadudley@yahoo.com for additional information.

Altar Server Training

Training for new altar servers happens on Saturday, **February 11** at 10:00am in the Church. Anyone who has made First Eucharist is eligible to become a server. If you are interested, please contact Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

School of Community

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, **February 12** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information contact Alessandro Rovati at ale.rova@gmail.com.

Building Families Faith

The Knights of Columbus have positioned small kiosks in the Gathering Space and the MAK Family Life Center holding free devotional booklets focused on Building Your Families Faith through prayer and daily readings. Please feel free to look over the two dozen offerings and take one home with you to share as a family.

Need Donut Teams for 11:15 Masses!

In order to offer Donuts and Coffee following our 11:00am Masses, we need more volunteer teams. We need enough teams so each is only scheduled once monthly. Contact Chrissy if you are interested in helping out!

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. This beautiful edition is \$30. (Please add \$12 for shipping if your book needs to be mailed.) Please provide amount, a check or money order for in person purchases. Electronic payments may be made through online at www.queenoftheapostles.org. Prepaid sales only may be picked at weekend Masses. No sales will take place



faithformation

Confirmation Preparation Program

Students who are registered in this year's Confirmation Preparation Program will meet next on **Saturday, February 25** from 9:00am-11:00am in the Church. We ask that one parent attend with the student. This will be the second of three required meets. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org



Family Faith Formation

Our next Family Faith Formation takes place on **Sunday, February 12**. Please continue to work on the lesson activities provided in the February chapter and explore the resources provided on the Flocknote link. Please contact Debbie with any questions at formation@queenoftheapostles.org or 704-825-9600, ext. 1005.

First Sacraments Program

Our First Sacraments Program will continue with preparation for First Holy Communion on **Saturday, February 11** from 12pm-3pm in the MAK Family Life Center. This program is for children who are already registered and have completed their First Reconciliation. Please contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 1005 or formation@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.



Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School will run the week of **June 25-June 29** from 5-8pm each night! Be sure to save the date and join us this year as we launch an out-of-this-world event with **Stellar - 'Shine Jesus' Light!'** Registration will open online March 1, 2023.



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 as you enter church. Please visit KidZone and talk with a staff member for any questions about this ministry.

Look Closer

Next Youth Night

**Sunday
February
5th
5:00– 7:00**



On February 5th this Edge Night captures the imaginations of youth by asking them to visualize their adult life and introduces the concepts of discernment and mentorship and the role of their faith within these areas.

There will be fun activities, and Pizza for dinner.

All middle school and high school youth are invited to attend on Sunday, February 5th, from 5:00pm-7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center.

DinoSoccer (for children ages 3-6)

DinoSoccer will start on **Tuesday, March 14!** This program will run Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm and the season concludes on Tuesday, May 9 with a banquet in the MAK Family Life Center. Registration will open online at our website beginning Wednesday, February 1, 2023.

MS Summer Camp

July 17-22, 2023 REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!

Registration is now open for the middle school summer camp! Go to our website to register today; <https://www.queenoftheapostles.org/copy-of-edge-middle-school-youth>. The camp is at Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA from July 17-22! This trip is for incoming 6th graders to outgoing 8th graders. Registration is \$600 and spots are limited! \$100 deposit will secure your spot. Questions? Email Brittany at bmcalester@yahoo.com.

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Recolección mensual de alimentos

La colecta de comida del mes de febrero será para Belmont community organization (BCO). Ellos estarán necesitando arroz, grits, avena, galletas, crackers y pop tarts. favor de traer sus donaciones y colocarlas en las canastas que se encuentran frente al altar durante el fin de semana del 25 al 26 de febrero. Gracias por su generosidad.

Programa de preparación de la confirmación

Los estudiantes que estén inscritos en el Programa de Preparación para la Confirmación de este año se reunirán el **25 de febrero** de 9:00 a.m. a 11:30 a.m. en la Iglesia. Pedimos que uno de los padres asista con el estudiante. Este será el primero de tres encuentros requeridos. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Debbie en formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Formación en la fe familiar

Nuestra próxima Formación de Fe Familiar se llevará a cabo el **domingo 12 de febrero**. Por favor, continúe trabajando en las actividades de la lecciones proporcionadas en el capítulo de diciembre y explore los recursos proporcionados en el enlace Flocknote. Comuníquese con Debbie si tiene alguna pregunta al formation@queenoftheapostles.org o al 704-825-9600, ext. 1005.

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.

¿Necesita información o asistencia?

¿Necesita información o asistencia para registrarse en español para programas de educación religiosa y/o sacramentales? Si es así, tenemos a alguien disponible para proporcionar información y ayudar con el proceso de registro en español los miércoles de 3:30pm-6pm en la Oficina Parroquial cada semana. Si esas horas no son convenientes pueden hacer una cita. Contáctense 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.

Reflexión

El Justo brilla como una luz en las tinieblas. La vocación del cristiano: ser sal de la tierra y luz del mundo. Es una de los mensajes más comprometedores con que Jesús se manifiesta a sus discípulos para seguir siendo discípulos y misioneros. Esta verdad se convierte en un reto maravilloso para todos nosotros cuando de verdad nos comprometemos con Jesús a seguirlo de verdad. Razón fundamental que hemos recibido el día de nuestro Bautismo cuando hemos recibido la Gracia de Dios, cuando hemos sido ungidos sacerdotes, profetas y reyes. Cada vez que pronunciamos el nombre de Jesús, estamos proclamando nuestra misión: ser Luz del mundo y Sal de la tierra. Hoy cuando el mundo, y a veces entre nosotros vivamos momentos de oscuridad por no escuchar la Palabra del Señor, por no seguir sus enseñanzas, es el momento de tomar conciencia de la gran responsabilidad de ser Luz para aquellas personas que han perdido la luz y al perder la Luz, sus vidas se convierten en vidas sin sabor, es decir, vidas sin alegría, sin esperanza y sin amor. Ser Luz significa ser cristianos de la felicidad, de la paz, de la verdad, de la justicia y el amor. Ahí nace la alegría de ser misioneros, de ser portadores de la vida, de ser portadores de la Gracia de Dios y de la Resurrección. Les invito a reflexionar en serio sobre nuestro compromiso de cristianos en el tiempo de Hoy. Tenemos que ser luz para tantos hermanos que viven en tinieblas, en la muerte, porque no conocen a la vida verdadera que es Jesús. Ese compromiso es tuyo, pero debe ser testigo de la Luz con el buen ejemplo, cuando oras, cuando lees la Palabra de Dios, cuando va en busca de las personas que necesitan de Dios y que ellos ven en ti la figura de Dios por su modo de vivir. Pensemos en ello, y hagámonos esta pregunta: ¿Somos Luz del mundo y sal de la tierra apartar de nuestro ejemplo de Vida?

Que Dios los bendiga. P. José Antonio Juya V.

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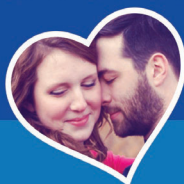
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