

# 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**



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JANUARY 14, 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 13, 2024**

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation

5:00pm Stephanie Panizza

7:00pm Misa en español

#### **Sunday, January 14, 2024**

8:15-8:45am Reconciliation

9:15am For the People

11:15am Vincent Nathan Schambach

#### **Monday, January 15, 2024—Offices and Chapel Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day**

No Reconciliation and No Mass

#### **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

No Mass

#### **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

5:30pm Patricia Grieco +

#### **Thursday, January 18, 2024**

9:00am Patricia Grieco +

5:30-6:30pm Adoration

#### **Friday, January 19, 2024**

7:30am-8:30am Reconciliation

9:00am Bridget Rusciolelli

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### ***Liturgical Ministers:***

#### **Saturday, January 20, 2024-5:00pm**

**Readers:** James Hefferan, Patty Topper

**EMCs:** Joan Lynn, Mary Kane

**Altar Servers:** Janette Blanford, Natalia Gomez

**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Elizabeth Atterberry

#### **Sunday, January 21, 2024—9:15am**

**Readers:** Rich Stipanovic, Tom Katsuleris

**EMCs:** Roger Duncan, Colleen Sutton

**Altar Servers:** Aidan Oplinger, Reese Rodite, Garrison MacAlester

**Hospitality:** Bill McMaster, Paul Todd

#### **Sunday, January 21, 2024—11:15am**

**Readers:** Jerome Butler, Thomas Sims

**EMCs:** Therese Metivier, Patrick Larkin

**Altar Servers:** J. Mack Butler, Savannah Butler, Phelps Reed

**Hospitality:** Neil Kauer, Yvonne Zarza

### ***Donut Ministry:***

#### **Sunday, January 21**

Janie Fout, John Fout, Brian Litfin, Pat D. Lynch



**Collection from 12-24-2023: \$23,926.87,**

**Collection from 12-31-2023: \$24,929.01**

**Collection from 01-07-2024: \$21,611.50**

***Thank you for your support of the parish!***

**Our Weekly Tithes:** Our tithe from 12-24-2023 for QOA Christmas was \$1,196.00. Our tithe from 12-31-2023 for Mira Via was \$1,246.00. Our tithe from 01-07-2024 for BREAD was \$1,080.00. This week's tithe will support *Phoenix Counseling & Crisis Centers* which is a haven for the homeless in Gaston County. They provide day shelter, laundry and connections to other community resources and services.

### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

*Closed on Fridays.*

## From Our Pastor

As we conclude the Christmas season, I want to thank everyone who was so generous to me at Christmas this year. I remember you all in my prayers of gratitude to God for you and for the kindness you showed to me. Thank you!

The three years of the public ministry of the Lord — from his baptism in the Jordan to the time of his passion in Jerusalem — take center stage during our journey through Ordinary Time, which begins this week. From now until Lent, and then again from Easter until Advent, we'll hear the Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus — how he lived, how he ministered.

Although Ordinary Time doesn't have an immediate and narrow focus like some of the other stronger liturgical seasons, there is still plenty to help us grow in our spiritual lives. We should pay particular attention to the way the Lord interacts with others — and the way people respond to him. The Gospels give us a window into the ministry of Jesus, and thus a great opportunity to try to form our lives always in a closer way to the teachings and example of the Lord in his life — and, by observing the way others responded to him, we can see some good examples of both what to do and what to avoid in our own responses to his calling.

Remember, Lent begins on February 14 this year — Ash Wednesday will be here with us soon!

Fr. Paul

## Winter Coat Collection— January 13/14 & 20/21

We will once again collect new or gently used coats and winter apparel for those who are without. Needs include coats, hats, gloves and scarves for men, women and children of all ages, - babies through teenagers. We will be collecting items the weekends of **January 13/14 and 20/21**. Bins for the collection will be in the Gathering Space, MAK Family Life Center and St. Katharine Drexel Hall. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

*He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two tunics should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."*

**- Luke 3:11**



## Mission Collection

*The 2024 Combined Mission Collection is scheduled to be taken in our parish the weekend of January 20-21. More information will be available that weekend.*



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

**Sunday, January 28, 12:30pm**

**Knights of Columbus—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.*

**Save the Date—Wednesday, February 21, 4-7pm**

**Knights of Columbus—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.***



## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Tuesday:** Saint Fursey

**Wednesday:** Saint Anthony

**Thursday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

**Friday:** Saint Fillan

**Saturday:** Saint Fabian and Saint Sebastian

## 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.

## 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 15 in Tagalog.

## 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, John McGuinness, Patrick Bragg, Raphael Winters and Eddie McKnight

## Deployed Military

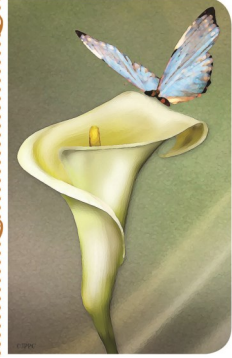
Please keep our deployed military in your prayers: Pvt. Mikhail T. Uloth

## 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*

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14, 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 14** 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](mailto:ale.rova@gmail.com).

## Just for Ladies—Thursday, January 18, 7-8:30pm

Just for Ladies Bible Study will resume their study sessions beginning this **Thursday, January 18** in the Parlor off of the Gathering Space in Church 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](mailto:qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com).

## Community Breakfast—Saturday, January 20, 8-11am

Come join us for a delicious breakfast on **Saturday, January 20th** from 8-11am at the MAK Family Life Center with our famous Pancake, French Toast & Waffle Breakfast! The Breakfast Team hopes to see you and serve you again!

## Rosary Makers—Saturday, January 20, 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](mailto:jemi_mendoza@yahoo.com) or join us on **Saturday, January 20**.

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO BE PART OF OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY?

***Our church directory will not be complete without you!***

*Photo times are still available for our last week to take pictures!*

***Tuesday, January 16 through Saturday, January 20.***

***Tuesday—Friday, 2pm-8:30pm and Saturdays, 10am-4pm***

## SCHEDULE ONLINE TODAY!

### HOW TO SCHEDULE:

- To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to **[www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)**, or click the QRcode.
- Then click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side
- Enter **nc468** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.

***Appointments are needed. Please note that the online scheduling will be turned off from Tuesdays-Fridays from 1:30pm-8:30pm to provide a set schedule for the photographers.***

If you're not able to schedule a family photo appointment during available times, a portrait photo of your family may be submitted to Chrissy at [parishops@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:parishops@queenoftheapostles.org).



# 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, January 21!** 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](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

Join us for our next Middle School and High School Youth Ministries program on **Sunday, January 21** 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!

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMPS!

Registration is now open for our High School and Middle School summer trips! Go to our website to register today! A deposit of \$100 will reserve your spot!

## CONFIRMATION

The first retreat for the Confirmation Preparation program will take place on **Saturday, January 27** 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](mailto: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](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).



**WINTERPLACE**  
SKI RESORT WEST VIRGINIA

**High School Youth  
Date: February 2-4, 2024  
Overnight Trip!**

- Cost is \$250 per person
- Includes travel, food, ski or snowboard rental, 2-night stay, lift ticket
- Registration now open

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## Reflexión

HERMANOS:

Estamos comenzando un nuevo año lleno de mucha esperanza en medio de todas las adversidades que nos ha tocado vivir, en las circunstancias de cada uno de nosotros en nuestra vida. Por eso una de las frases más llamativas para el creyente es la que nos invita a pensar como hombres de fe, esperanza y amor y es esta: AQUÍ ESTOY SEÑOR PARA HACER TU VOLUNTAD. Qué bello que meditar estas palabras que ya hemos meditado durante el tiempo de Adviento cuando nos preparábamos para la celebración de la Navidad en palabras de la Santísima Virgen: He aquí la esclava del Señor, hágase en mí según su palabra. Hoy la palabra de Dios nos invita a meditar en el llamado que Dios nos hace a cada uno, así como lo hizo con sus discípulos. Ese llamado comenzó el día de nuestro bautismo cuando fuimos ungidos a ser sacerdotes, profetas y reyes. Es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el llamado que Jesús nos ha hecho a cada uno de nosotros para ser discípulos y misioneros. Esa confianza depende de nuestra entrega de amor con Jesús, razón por la cual se necesita descubrir a Jesús, caminar con Él y dorarlo. Este ejemplo lo encontramos en la primera lectura, cuando Dios llama a Samuel: habla Señor que tu siervo te escucha. El Señor le hace escuchar su voz, pero Samuel no sabe interpretarla por sí solo: tiene necesidad de ayuda y del consejo de Elí. Cuando se da cuenta de la llamada especial que el Señor le dirige, responde prontamente con toda la posibilidad de su corazón: Habla Señor. El mensaje que la Palabra de Dios hoy nos ofrece, siempre es, estar dispuestos a escuchar su Palabra, descubrir su presencia, caminar con Él y entregar la vida por Él. Aprovechemos este comienzo de año para revisar nuestro compromiso de fe, nuestro compromiso de entrega, nuestro compromiso de generosidad para servir y sobre todo nuestro compromiso de amor a Dios y a nuestro prójimo. ¿Cómo hay que comenzar?

Vida de oración, entusiasmo por conocer nuestra fe a través de su Palabra, vivencia de los Sacramentos, principalmente la Sagrada Eucaristía, vivencia de la vida de comunidad Iglesia y, sobre todo, la experiencia del amor a Dios en la cercanía con los más pobres y abandonados. ¿Crees que ellos están cerca de nosotros? Comencemos pues ahora, hagamos nuestro plan misionero, recordando siempre que es el llamado que Jesús nos hace porque confía en cada uno de nosotros...ojalá no lo defraudemos.

Bendiciones.

P. José Antonio Juya V.

## 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 21 de enero de 2024.