

# QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Iglesia Católica Reina de los Apóstoles*

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**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday 5:00pm, 7:00pm (en Español); Sunday 9:15am & 11:15am

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am; Wednesday 5:30pm

Reconciliation: Friday 7:30-8:30am; Saturday 3:30-4:30pm

Adoration: Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

Strive to enter through  
the narrow gate.

*Luke 13:24*



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
AUGUST 24, 2025

# 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, August 23, 2025**

3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation  
5:00pm For the People  
7:00pm Misa en Español

### **Sunday, August 24, 2025**

9:15am Joshua Burr +  
11:15am Jasia Dudko +

### **Monday, August 25, 2025**

9:00am Patricia Leighton +  
7:00pm Recitation of the Rosary in English

### **Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

9:00am No Mass

### **Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

5:30pm James Giermansky +

### **Thursday, August 28, 2025**

9:00am Kathryn Colwell +  
5:30-6:30pm Adoration

### **Friday, August 29, 2025**

7:30am-8:30am No Reconciliation  
9:00am Communion Service

## ***Liturgical Ministers:***

### **Saturday, August 30, 2025-5:00pm**

**Altar Servers:** Janette Blandford, Phelps Reed

**EMCs:** Patty Topper, Sharon Thrumel

**Readers:** Diane Clifton, Scott Muenger

**Hospitality:** Todd Morgan, Larry Capps

### **Saturday, August 30, 2025- 7:00pm**

**Eucaristia:** Patricia Hernandez, Alba Sepulveda

**Lectores:** Evelyn Orellana, Ashley Contreras

### **Sunday, August 31, 2025-9:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Zoe Barthelemy, Bella Miller, Olivia Powers

**EMCs:** Lisa Owens, Linda Huffsmith

**Readers:** Tom Katsuleris, TJ St. Romain

**Hospitality:** Rick Hooper, Joe Shirley

### **Sunday, August 31, 2025-11:15am**

**Altar Servers:** Austin Berrong, Savannah Butler, Carter Robinson

**EMCs:** Gerry McDonough, Greg van Praag

**Readers:** Jerome Butler, Alberto Gonzalez

**Hospitality:** Billy McHenry, Mike Proud

## ***Donut Ministry:***

### **Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Bronwen St. Romain, Jane & Dan Turner, Brian Litfin, Alissa Carlson

## ***Linens:***

### **Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Jeanmarie Panzica



The collection from 08-17-2025 is \$23,605.84.

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

### ***Our Weekly Tithes:***

The tithe for *Belmont Back Pack Program* from 08-17-2025 is \$1,180.00.

The tithe for this week is for the *CRO. Community Relief Organization* offers emergency assistance to those living in Mount Holly and the surrounding area.

## **Pastoral Staff**

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Closed on Fridays.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear friends in Christ,

Next weekend, a large group of us from Queen of the Apostles will be heading north—way north—to Alaska! We'll be boarding a cruise through the Inside Passage, taking in the beauty of God's creation from glaciers to mountains to wildlife. I'm looking forward to sharing this special experience with many of you, and I'm grateful for the opportunity for prayer, fellowship, and wonder at the works of the Lord in such a spectacular setting.

While we are away (August 30–31), we will be blessed to welcome a visiting priest from **Cross Catholic Outreach**. He will celebrate all of the parish Masses that weekend and share with us the good work that Cross Catholic is doing around the world—serving the poor, feeding the hungry, providing clean water, and building communities of faith. I encourage you to give him a warm Belmont welcome and to listen with open hearts to how we, as a parish, can participate in the Church's mission to "go and make disciples of all nations."

Please keep our travelers in your prayers for safety and good weather, and know that we will be remembering all of you in our prayers while at sea. May this time be a blessing for all—whether here at home, in the pews, or aboard ship surrounded by the grandeur of God's handiwork.

In Christ,

Fr. Paul



## CHARLOTTE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5-6, 2025

You Belong Here

[YouBelong2025.com](https://YouBelong2025.com)

Charlotte Convention Center | FREE

**Rediscover hope.  
Renew your spirit.  
Walk with Christ.**

Don't miss the 2025 Eucharistic Congress Friday-Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, at the Charlotte Convention Center as we come together as *Pilgrims of Hope* with fellow Catholics from across the Diocese of Charlotte! Be inspired by dynamic Catholic speakers and uplifting music, experience one of the largest Eucharistic processions in the U.S., and find renewed hope in Christ through the Eucharist. Drop in for an hour or come both days – it's totally free and flexible! Details at



**Please note: We will not have the 5:00pm Mass or the 7:00pm Mass here at Queen of the Apostles Church on Saturday, September 6—the day of the Eucharistic Congress.**

We would like to provide our parishioners the opportunity to partake in the Eucharistic Congress Procession and attend the Holy Mass led by Bishop Michael Martin, OFM Conv on **Saturday, September 6, 5:30pm at the Charlotte Convention Center.**

## Saints & Special Observances

**Sunday:** Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Saint Louis, Saint Joseph

**Tuesday:** Saint Teresa of Jesus Jornet Ibars

**Wednesday:** Saint Monica

**Thursday:** Saint Augustine

**Friday:** The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

**Saturday:** Saint Rumon

## 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.

## Lost & Found Items

Lost & Found items may be found in the basket in the church Gathering Space.

## 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 be part of our prayer line ministry and join us in praying for the needs of others, please call the church office or send an email to [prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:prayforme@queenoftheapostles.org).

## Online Giving

You have the option to give online through our parish website or click the QR code provided here in the bulletin. 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 2025

Please be generous to the DSA. Your gift helps provide the annual funding necessary to carry out the mission of our diocese—namely to fulfill our call to “grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, and to become a leaven of service and sign of peace through love in the Piedmont and western North Carolina.” The DSA provides funding for over 50 ministries and programs. You may go to [https://charlottediocese.org/development/donate\\_dsa/](https://charlottediocese.org/development/donate_dsa/) to make a donation online or click on the QR code to contribute.



## Weekly Rosary

*The Rosary will be recited weekly on Mondays at 7:00pm in the Church as well as livestreamed. The next Rosary Recitation will be on **August 25 in Tagalog**. Please note that the Rosary will not be recited on Monday, September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday.*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday** 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 24:42-51

**Friday** 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday** 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30

**Sunday** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14

## Altar Flower Intentions

Altar Flower dedications, *in honor of or in memory of loved ones*, can be made by going to our website at [www.queenoftheapostles.org](http://www.queenoftheapostles.org). A link to reserve flower dedications can be found on the homepage of our website. You can also call the church office for assistance and reserve over the phone or in person during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

**Flowers at the Altar this weekend were dedicated by:**

**Gina Giannattasio in loving memory of Don, Karen and Jason Giannattasio**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Baptism is generally celebrated on Saturday mornings or by special requested times. Parents wishing to present a child (under six years of age) for Baptism must complete a Saturday morning preparation here in the parish. These are offered six times a year. During pregnancy or after the birth of a child are appropriate times to attend.

The next Baptismal preparation session will be scheduled sometime soon. If Sponsors (Godparents) are also here in the area, we invite them to attend as well.

More information regarding the next session will be available soon.



## **Food Collection—Collection will be August 30-31**

Food Collection - We will collect the following food items for SOCKS in August:

Canned green beans, corn, canned meats, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter, and jelly. Please bring your donations to the altar and place them in the baskets provided on the weekend of **August 30-31**. Thank you for your generosity.

## **School of Community —Sunday, August 31, 2:00pm**

Join our parish's School of Community once every two weeks for a moment of fellowship in which we grow in our knowledge of the faith and our awareness of how the Good News of our Lord is actively working in and transforming our daily lives. Come as you are, no membership required! Our next gathering is on **Sunday, August 31** at 2:00pm in Drexel Hall. All are welcome. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please contact Alessandro Rovati at qoa.soc@yahoo.com.

## **First Monday—will not meet in September on Labor Day, next meeting is Monday, October 6, 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 6** 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!

## **Just for Men—will not meet in September on Labor Day, next meeting is Monday, October 6 following the 7pm Rosary**

There will be no Just for Men Bible study on September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday. We will resume **Monday, October 6** after the 7pm Rosary with our study of the Book of Revelation. Read Revelation 12 and review "The Woman and the Dragon" (pages 76-80 in the study guide.) For more information or to get a copy of the study guide, text Deacon Chip at 704.488.5822 or email deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

## **Mary Help of Christians Prayer for Priests—Tuesday, September 2, 9:30am-10:30am**

Please join us as we gather to pray for Priests on the first Tuesday of the month in St. Katharine Drexel Chapel. from 9:30am-10:30am. For more information, please contact Donna Snyder at donnasnyder1976@gmail.com.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, September 2, 10:30-12:30pm**

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 in the Conference Room. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! For more information, please contact Elizabeth O'Connor at ejoconnor81@gmail.com or Mary Hasher at meherbert496@gmail.com.

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic?  
Do you know someone that wants to  
join the Church?**

**Join us: Wednesday, August 27, 6:15pm-7:30pm  
MAK Family Life Center**

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through a journey of faith formation, study, prayer, and participation in the liturgical life of the Church. A group of interested adults engage in conversation, ask questions, discuss issues, break open the Word, and learn about the Catholic Church's history, symbols, and beliefs. They then fully enter into the period of enlightenment as they prepare for their initiation into the church during the Easter Vigil.

If you are interested in joining OCIA, or know someone who might be, please contact the church office at 704-825-9600 or email parishops@queenoftheapostles.org. Register by clicking on the QR Code:



## **Altar Serving Training**

**Saturday, August 30, 10am-11am**

If you are interested in training to be an Altar Server, please join us on **Saturday, August 30** from 10am-11am in the



Gathering Space of the Church. This training is for all children who have received their First Holy Communion.

For more information, please contact Deacon Zeke at deaconzeke@queenoftheapostles.org.

## **KidZone**

If you are interested in helping out with our KidZone Ministry here at church on Sunday mornings, please submit your letter of interest and resume to Chrissy at parishops@queenoftheapostles.org.

# faithformation

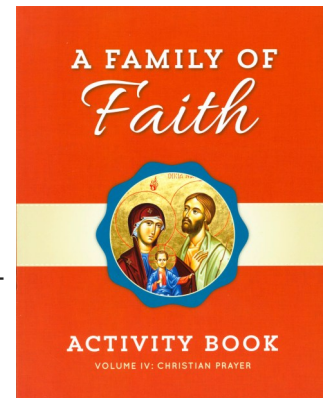
## **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION—REGISTER NOW!** **Program starts on September 14, 10:30am-11:00am**

**Registration is open for the Family Faith Formation 2025-2026 program year! This is Queen of the Apostles Church's primary Catechesis program and fulfills the religious education requirements for children in Grades K-8!**

Join us as we dig deeper into our faith with **A Family of Faith -Volume IV: Christian Prayer** which starts on **Sunday, September 14!** The morning begins at 10:15am in the MAK Family Life Center with coffee and doughnuts followed by the meeting. Meeting spaces will be designated for different levels based on ages. Be sure to look for more information in upcoming bulletin announcements and by connecting to our flocknote group. You can connect to the Flocknote group by texting **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576**.

**Catechists are still needed! Please reach out to Anthony with any questions or if you have an interest in teaching.**

For more information, contact Anthony Beauregard, the Director of Family and Youth Discipleship at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).



## **YOUTH MINISTRIES—REGISTER NOW!** **Program starts on September 14, 5:00pm-7:30pm**

Join us for our Youth Ministries kickoff on **Sunday, September 14** 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!

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION—New Meeting Space** **Program starts on September 14, 10:30am-11:00am, in the Parlor**

The Family Faith Formation Adult Class will resume once again this year! This class will operate on the Family Faith Formation schedule. No registration is needed! Please join us on Sunday mornings, starting September 14 with Dr. Rovati in the Conference Room from 10:30am-11:00am!

## **CONFIRMATION**

**Registration will take place at the Mandatory Parent/Youth Meeting on Wednesday, September 17 at 6:30pm in the MAK Family Life Center.**

Starting this year, we will begin a new preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation! This program will now be part of the Family Faith Formation program beginning in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade for first year prep with 8<sup>th</sup> grade being considered the second year. Parents do not have to stay for the Family Faith/Confirmation Program. This program will begin on the first day of Family Faith, September 14 and will take place in the St. Benedict Education Center. Youth who have completed their 7<sup>th</sup> year Family Faith Formation program have completed their first-year requirement.



**We love having you as part of our Flock!**

Keep in touch with us via email and text!  
Text **QOAFAMILYFAITH** to the number **84576** for Family of Faith updates or **QOAYOUTHMINISTRY** to the number **84576** for Youth Ministries updates.

For more information, please contact Anthony at [familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org](mailto:familyyouth@queenoftheapostles.org).

# noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

## ***Del Escritorio del Párroco***

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

El próximo fin de semana, un gran grupo de nosotros de Queen of the Apostles iremos hacia el norte— ¡muy al norte!—a Alaska. Tomaremos un crucero por el *Inside Passage*, contemplando la belleza de la creación de Dios: glaciares, montañas y vida silvestre. Espero con alegría compartir esta experiencia especial con muchos de ustedes y agradezco la oportunidad de orar juntos, convivir y maravillarnos ante las obras del Señor en un lugar tan espectacular.

Mientras estemos fuera (30–31 de agosto), tendremos la bendición de recibir a un sacerdote visitante de **Cross Catholic Outreach**. El celebrará todas las Misas parroquiales ese fin de semana y nos compartirá la buena labor que realiza Cross Catholic en todo el mundo—sirviendo a los pobres, alimentando a los hambrientos, proveyendo agua potable y construyendo comunidades de fe. Les animo a recibirlo con una cordial bienvenida belmontense y a escuchar con el corazón abierto cómo podemos participar, como parroquia, en la misión de la Iglesia de “ir y hacer discípulos de todas las naciones.”

Por favor, mantengan a nuestros viajeros en sus oraciones para que tengan seguridad y buen clima, y sepan que también los llevaremos a ustedes en nuestras oraciones mientras estemos en el mar. Que este tiempo sea una bendición para todos—ya sea aquí en casa, en las bancas, o a bordo rodeados de la grandeza de la obra de Dios.

En Cristo,

P. Paul

## **FORMACIÓN EN LA FE FAMILIAR- ¡REGÍSTRATE AHORA!**

La registración para la formación de fe en familia de 2025-2026 está abierta ahora en línea! Este es el programa de catequesis principal de Reina de los Apóstoles y llena los requisitos y requerimientos para los niños/as en K-8 grado!

¡Únase a nosotros mientras profundizamos en nuestra fe con Una Familia de Fe - Volumen IV: Oraciones Cristianas que comienza el domingo 14 de septiembre! La mañana comienza a las 10:15 a.m. en el Centro de Vida Familiar MAK con café y dona, seguido de la reunión. Las clases se llevarán a cabo en el edificio de Educación, asegúrese de buscar más información en los próximos anuncios del boletín.



## **CAFÉ DEL MES**

El sábado 30 de agosto los invitamos a pasar un rato agradable en nuestro café del mes. Puedes traer algo para compartir en comunidad. Todos invitados después de la Santa Misa en el MAK CENTER.

## **COLECTA DE COMIDA**

Recogeremos los siguientes alimentos para SOCKS en agosto: maíz enlatado, carnes enlatadas, cereal, salsa para espagueti, pasta, mantequilla de cacahuete y mermelada. Por favor, lleven sus donaciones al altar y colóquenlas en las canastas provistas el fin de semana del 30 y 31 de agosto. Gracias por su generosidad.

## **PASTORAL DE DUELO**

Si tienes un duelo que no has podido sanar, te invitamos a las charlas de Duelo que empezarán el miércoles 3 de septiembre / 2025. Por favor, para más información, contactar a la señora Alba Sepúlveda 704-906-9686.