

Queen of the Apostles

Reina de los Apostoles

A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont



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January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY: Weekend Mass cancelations please refer to our website; Weekdays: 2 hour delay when Gaston schools delay; closed the first day if the Gaston County schools close; thereafter decision to close made daily.

Weekday Eucharist

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00am

Weekend Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 pm, 7:00 p.m. (en Español))
Sunday: 8:00, 9:45 & 11:30 am

Reconciliation: Holy Day Celebrations: Misa en Español:

Saturday: 4:00 pm, and by appointment
12:15pm and 7:15 pm
Todos los Sabados a 7:00 PM

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated in the community at any one of the weekend Masses. Parents must complete the preparation program (offered every other month). 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.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR THIS WEEKEND

WERE DONATED BY:

Brian & Cindy Litfin

IN HONOR OF:

Richard & Patricia Litfin

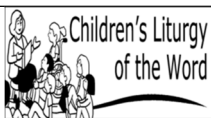
Collections

Collection 01-12-2020: \$16,651.15

Thank you for your support of the parish!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

*This Sunday, January 12
at 9:45 & 11:30 Masses*



Our Weekly Tithe:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$832.00 to Phoenix Counseling. This week our tithe will be sent to Gaston Skills, offering a second chance at work related skills for those in need of independence and dignity.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, January 25, 2020—5:00pm

Readers: Steve D'Avria, Alison Nolting

EMCs: Beth McAbee (SC), Loretta Bell (C),
Dave Butterfield (C), Michelle Butterfield, Patty Topper,
Deacon Zeke Panzica

Ministers of Hospitality: Fred & Lynn Kimsey,
Todd Morgan

Altar Servers: Anna Mae & Michael Baranowski,
Nicholas D'Avria

Sunday, January 26, 2020—8:00am

Readers: Dennis Anene, Cam Tracy

EMCs: Peggy Geiger (SC), Steve Geiger, Bea Buza,
Deacon Zeke Panzica

Ministers of Hospitality: Doug & Joyce McLeod,
Bill McMaster

Altar Servers: Dominick Guida, Stephen Daniel,
Destry Ballard

Sunday, January 26, 2020—9:45am Mass

Readers: Urael Mussie, Lawton Blandford

EMCs: Jeanne LaFrancis (SC), Deborah Eagon (C),
Ernie Manaois (C), Stuart LaFrancis, William Massey,
Jay McGuinness, Sandy Kreps, Deacon Chip Wilson

Ministers of Hospitality: Pete Kinzer, Leo Paluszak,
Joe Shirley

Altar Servers: Mallory Gardner, Jackie Rielley,
Reese Rodite

Children's Liturgy: Melissa Gardner

Sunday, January 26, 2020—11:30am Mass

Readers: Joan Brugman, Gabriela Larkin

EMCs: Adriana Echeverri (C), Jan Kauer (C), Sally Stone,
Colleen Sutton, Jenn Hardin, Jeanmarie Panzica,
Ana Larkin, Deacon Chip Wilson

Ministers of Hospitality: Neil Kauer, Ryan Proud,
Emilio Saiz

Altar Servers: Nicolas Sanchez, Daniel Rincon-Terreros,
Haylie Woods

Children's Liturgy: Barbara Scruggs

Masses This Week

January 18, 2020

5:00pm Melvin Hodge +
7:00pm Misa en espanol

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00am William Meyer +
9:45am James Sharik +
11:30am For the People

Monday, January 20, 2020

9:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

9:00am Communion Service

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

9:00am Communion Service

Thursday, January 23, 2020

No Service

Friday, January 24, 2020

9:00am Mass

Other Ministries:

Traffic Ministry—January 26

9:45am—Gary Elkin, Walt Hinson

11:30am—Jon Hamilton, Russ Hamilton

Coffee & Donuts—January 26

8:00am—Pat Godfrey, Brian & Cindy Litfin, Valerie Muenger

9:45am—Melissa Gardner

11:30am—Kranzler Family

Art & Environment:

January 19: Gloria Areiza, Pat Perrigo

January 26: Terry Ausband, Johanna Terreros

From the Pastor's Desk...

As we continue through cold and flu season, we simply want to remind you to make practical judgments about your health and the health of the varied population—young and old—that make up our parish community during these next few months.

If you have a cold or are beginning to feel ill, please be prudent and stay at home at nurse your symptoms. You can always follow us on Sunday mornings through the LiveStream and the sermons are available as an audio file by Sunday afternoon. Also, if you do have cold symptoms, please consider two other notions relative to the ritual of the Mass. First, if you have been coughing or using Kleenex, it might be best *not to share* the sign of peace by shaking hands with those around you. *Nod your head to them, offer them peace verbally.* This time of year, most folks get that a lack of contact is usually health related.

Second, when receiving the Eucharist, if you have any symptoms, refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice. While we take every precaution with sharing a common cup, your cooperation here can be most helpful. The same is true if you are in any way symptomatic and receive the Eucharistic Bread on your tongue. During the weeks that you may not be at your best, receive it in your hands instead. There is much less chance of a transfer of pathogens among many people when the minister drops or places it in your hand than when they have to make contact with your mouth and tongue.

Lastly, use the sanitizer available at the doorways of the church. While we disinfect the pews from time to time during the season, this is still a good first defense. Use it coming into the church and as you leave, too. The ministers of the liturgy also have containers available to them in the sacristy and on the credence table. There are also jugs of sanitizer in the MAK Family Life Center during coffee and doughnut time each week. Professionals tell me that dipping your hand in the hoy water at the Baptismal Pool does not transmit disease from person to person and it is cleaned with a bleach agent and renewed weekly.

If your child is a server or if you are a minister of the liturgy and you are coughing or not feeling up to par, please stay at home and text in a substitute request or text Chrissy if it is on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning right before Mass. We can make up for your absence and it is far better than potentially exposing all the other ministers to what might be going around!

"They" say this will continue until the end of February or the beginning of March. Let's be attentive to these simple ways to stay as healthy as we are able and to pray for those who are vulnerable and might get sick this time of year.

Be Blessed this week! —Father Frank

School Supply Collection

One of our middle school students, Isaac Hill-Pfeffer, is collecting school supplies throughout the month of January to assist students in a Title I school in Mecklenburg County. There is a collection box in the Narthex that will remain there throughout the month of January. He is especially in need of #2 pencils, markers, erasers, crayons and composition books. He would be grateful for your generous assistance!



Security Ministry Appeal

Over the past weeks, you may have noticed our security ministry walking around the parking lots in their stylish orange vests. And you may have noticed that they are not here this weekend. This is because we have had a low response to the call for volunteers so there are not enough volunteers to staff it all the time.

So once again, we are appealing to you to consider signing up for this important ministry. To be clear, we are NOT asking for people who are willing to confront potentially dangerous people. The main role of the security ministry is to simply be a visible presence in the parking lots which will usually dissuade those with ill intentions from pursuing them. 99.9% of the time, this will be the most boring ministry we perform. And the other 0.1% will mostly be people looking for unlocked cars. Whenever there is such a situation, the responsibility of the security ministry is to call 911, NOT to take action themselves.

Other than that, the only requirements are that you be over 21 and able to be on your feet for the duration of a mass. Please contact Matt Helton at jimhelton@yahoo.com or Deacon Zeke.



Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be used for the Belmont Backpack Program providing food for children at two local schools in the Belmont area so they have meals available to them over weekends and school holidays. Our parish is one of a number of churches that support this program in Gaston County. Volunteers from the parish meet each Wednesday morning and put together about 160 meal packs. Volunteers are also needed at the distribution center in Gastonia one day per month. To learn more, go to <http://bwfpgc.com/>.

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! Please go to our NEW live streaming channel by visiting our Sunday Stream channel at www.sundaystreams.com/go/QO4. A link to Live Streaming can also be found by visiting our website at www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the Live Streaming page.





This Week

Sunday, January 19, 2020

9:45am & 11:30am Masses—KidZone
10:00-11:30am—RCIA (Rm D/E)

Monday, January 20, 2020

Office Closed for MLK Day

12:00-1:00pm—Centering Prayer
6:00-10:00pm—K of C Social Mtg (FLC)

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

4:00-8:00pm—IMPACT Program (A, B)
6:00-7:00pm—ESL (FLC)

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

9:30-11:30am—Weekend BackPack (Conf Rm)
6:00-6:30pm—Children's Choir (Church)
6:00-7:15pm—MOMS (FLC, KidZone)
6:30-7:15pm—Youth Choir (Church)
7:30-9:00pm—Adult Choir (Church)
7:30-9:30pm—12 Step Program (Rm D/E)

Thursday, January 23, 2020

6:00-7:00pm—ESL (FLC)
7:00-8:30pm—Just for Ladies (FLC)
7:30-8:30pm—Spanish Bible Study (D/E)

Friday, January 24, 2020

7:00pm-8:00am—LifeTeen Lock-in (FLC)
7:00-9:00pm—Spanish Choir (Church)
7:00-9:00pm—AA Meeting (Ed Building)

Saturday, January 25, 2020

9:00am-1:00pm—K of C Blood Drive (FLC)
6:00-10:00pm—Hispanic Social (FLC)

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time;
Julian Calendar Theophany
(Epiphany)

Monday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian;
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent;
St. Marianne Cope

Friday: St. Francis de Sales

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity ends;
Chinese New Year 4718

Stewardship

It is important to measure our
generosity not by what we give, but by
what we have left.

ParishSOFT
Giving

Electronic Giving

Make a safe, secure donation to QOA by
going to our website and clicking the
Online Giving tab and following the link.
You can choose to make one-time or
recurring donations online. Our new
platform is through ParishSoft.

Baptismal Preparation



Baptism is celebrated at weekend
Masses at any time of the year except
the Lenten season. Parents wishing to
present a child (under six years of age)
for Baptism must complete an Evening
of 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 scheduled Prep Session has been
rescheduled for Tuesday, **March 10**
beginning at 7:00pm in the church.
Please call the church office to make a
reservation to attend this upcoming
program. If Sponsors (Godparents) are
also here in the area, we invite them to
attend as well.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23;
Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13;
Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,
40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6, *or any of a number
of readings for the
Day of Prayer*

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7;
Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21;
Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16
or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3;
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

Sick and Homebound

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

Patrick Bragg (Meadow Wood Nursing
Center, Gastonia), Ducky Huffstetler,
Joy Cordek (Carillon-Lincolnton)

SSA

An anonymous support group for
men and women dealing with
addictive sexual behavior. For more
information, call 704-266-0722 or
visit charlottessa.org.

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. 27
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!

Rosary Recitation

Join other parishioners on the first
Monday evening of each month to
pray the rosary together. **February 3**
at 7:15pm in the Church is the next
scheduled date. If you are unable to
join us, please consider sharing the
rosary via our LiveStream. See
elsewhere in the bulletin for how to
connect via the internet.

Leave a Legacy

Programs for outreach are important
at our parish. Ensure the continuation
of these programs by setting up an
endowment now or through a bequest
in your will.

**LOST & FOUND ITEMS MAY BE FOUND
IN THE BASKET IN THE ENTRY
OF THE MAK FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

community happenings

Food Collection



In January we will collect food items for the Diocese of Charlotte Food Bank. Requested items are any canned vegetables, canned ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, hot and cold cereals, oatmeal, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars), spaghetti noodles, egg noodles, white and brown rice, juice boxes. Bring your donations to the altar and place in the baskets provided the weekend of **January 25-26**. Thank you for your generosity and Happy New Year.

Community Blood Drive

Save the date and plan to donate! The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a blood drive on Saturday, **January 25** from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. Signups will take place after weekend Masses or call the office at 704-825-9600.

Men's Church League Basketball

We have two teams participating in a new league this year, the East Gaston Christian Sports League, a joint ministry of Queen of the Apostles and First Presbyterian Church of Belmont. The season begins on **January 19** with games played on Sunday afternoons, 2:00-5:00pm at the Cramerton Community Center at 1 Julian St, Cramerton. On **January 19** Team #1 plays 1st Presbyterian at 2:00 with Team #2 playing the Police at 4:00. Come out and cheer them on!

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 10:30-11:30am. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! Contact Sandy Holland for more information at 704-460-5344 or jennylouise2010@hotmail.com or Elizabeth O'Connor at 704-964-2626 or ejoconnor81@gmail.com. The next meeting is on **February 4** in the Conference Room. *There will be no meeting in January!*

DinoMite Soccer Program Coordinator

Our DinoMite Soccer program for children ages 3-6 is seeking a volunteer coordinator. The program runs spring and fall and we need a coordinator to keep this program running. If interested or for more details, contact Jayme at 704-825-9600 ext 26 or email youthmin@queenoftheapostle.org.

First Tuesday

If you have a bountiful table each day and, in gratitude, would like to help prepare meals for others, come join us in the MAK Family Life Center kitchen on the first Tuesday of each month. We make meals for three shelters in our community. Lots of fun and laughter are going on in the kitchen from 1:00-4:00pm. Call Kathy Guzman at 704-806-3737 for more information or just come join us! We meet next on **February 4**.

Saturday, February 8 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. Call Charlie or Cathy Boyd at 704-825-4669 for additional information.

Catholic Schools Week

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week by celebrating your parish, your community, your students, the nation, vocations, faculty, staff and volunteers and families. Join in our annual celebration of Catholic education the week of **January 26-February 1**. The schools will be observing the above themes daily during that week.



No Faith Formation Children's Classes

Children's classes and Sunday morning Bible Study will not take place Sunday, **January 19 or January 26**. Classes and Study resume on Sunday, **February 2** at 9:30am.

No Youth Ministries Meet This Weekend!

EDGE and LifeTeen programs will not meet Sunday, **January 19 or January 26 or February 2**. Our next meet is on **February 9** from 6:00-8:00pm. These programs are for 6-12 grades. Contact Jayme at youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org with questions.



First Sacrament Preparation Meeting

A meeting **for all parents** of children who will be preparing for First Eucharist will be held on Wednesday, **February 5** at 7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. This meeting will be the only time to register for the sacrament preparation program and get the program schedule. **This meeting is for parents only.** If your child is in at least second grade, has had two consecutive years of religious education, has made his/her First Reconciliation and is ready for this sacrament, please plan to attend the meeting.

First Eucharist Workshop

Our First Eucharist Preparation Program will have the first workshop on Saturday, **February 8** from 12:00-3:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. The workshop is for parent and child. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Donate Unwanted Gifts to CHWC Mission Trip

Unwanted Christmas gifts are as much a staple of the holiday season as sugar cookies and mistletoe. No need to feel guilty...unload your undesirable presents for a good cause. Donate those presents to help fill raffle baskets for the annual Italian Festa fundraiser. Think fondly of the person who gave them to you and drop them off in the church office.

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, **June 28** through Thursday, **July 2**, 5:00-8:00pm! Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us for this year's exciting program, *Rocky Railway—Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!*

Summer Faith Formation Program will be Sunday, **July 12** through Thursday, **July 16** and Sunday, **July 19** through Thursday, **July 23**, 5:00-8:00pm! This program is for students rising to first through fifth grades. It is a two week condensed religious education program which fulfills one year of credit.

For more information about these summer programs, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600, ext 26.



KidZone

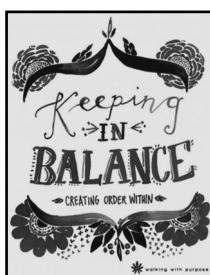
Our KidZone is a faith-based ministry offered for the youngest members of our church ages 6 months-3 years of age during the 9:45am and 11:30am Masses each Sunday. It's a place for the youngest members of the church to gather in a safe, faith-based learning environment. Their time is filled with listening to prayers in song, religious story time, play and opportunities to watch faith-based videos. KidZone is located in the MAK Family Life Center. If you haven't had a chance to checkout our KidZone ministry and meet our staff members, please feel free to stop in MAK Family Life Center.

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. Our next meeting will be on Monday, **February 3**. For additional information, Roger Duncan can be reached at 412-289-9147 or Deacon Chip Wilson at 704-448-5822 or deaconchip@queenoftheapostles.org.

Just for Ladies

We meet again on Thursday, **January 23** and continue our study: "*Walking with Purpose—Opening Your Heart—the Starting Point!*" This study is for all the ladies in the parish. If you've never participated in a Bible study before, now is the time. Join on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in the MAK Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.



MOMS Group

Our MOMS Group, Ministry for Mothers Sharing, meets next on Wednesday evening, **January 22** from 6:00-7:15pm. Childcare in KidZone will be provided. Some children may want to participate in Children's Choir during this study time. We continue our study "*Walking with Purpose—Keeping in Balance—Creating Order Within!*" For more information please contact Mary Elkin at marypelkin@hotmail.com or Cris Forero at cforero_perez@hotmail.com.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Our Sunday morning Bible study meets next on Sunday, **February 2** at 9:30am with an "Overview of the Old Testament." This study takes place on Sundays from 9:30-10:25am in Mercedes Hall on the Sacred Heart Campus and operates on the Faith Formation Elementary class schedule. The facilitator is Sister Mary Hugh. Please bring your Bibles and join us! Donuts and coffee are available.

Safe Environment Training

Did you know that every Church worker must go through abuse prevention and education training? Find more information about the Diocese of Charlotte's Safe Environment program, sign up for *Protecting God's Children* training and more: <https://charlottediocese.org/human-resources/safe-environment>. For more information or questions, please contact the diocese's Human Resources Office at <http://charlottediocese.org/human-resources> or 704-370-6299



Suspect sexual abuse or misconduct?

If you have information about possible sexual abuse or misconduct by any clergy, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Charlotte, report concerns safely, securely and anonymously 24/7 over the phone by using the diocese's new hotline: 1-888-630-5929 or online at www.RedFlagReporting.com/RCDOC.

Please note: If you suspect a child is in danger, please contact 9-1-1— or your local law enforcement agency.

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.

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.

Kennedy Lecture

On Saturday, **January 25** the Kennedy Lecture at St. Peter Catholic Church will feature Fr. Thomas Massaro, S.J., Professor of Moral Theology at Fordham University and author of nine books, on the topic of *Caring for Our common Home—Pope Francis' Call for an Integral Ecology*. The lecture begins at 9:00am with time for Q&A and ends at 11:15. Coffee in Bill Hall before the lecture from 8:15-8:45am. The lecture is in the church. Parking is free with validated ticket in The Green Garage (entrances on S. Tryon and S. College Streets).



Spiritual Direction

To seek a closer relationship with God, we need to make time and space. Spiritual Direction provides the time, space and focus. I am a spiritual director certified by the Charlotte Spirituality Center and offer my services free of charge to the parishioners of Queen of the Apostles on the church campus. For more information, call Bethsy San-Millán at 704-914-5668 or email bethsy@carolina.rr.com.

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Formación de nuestra fe en español

Recuerden nuestra invitación para seguir creciendo y aprendiendo juntos. Todos los jueves a las 7:00 pm, nos reunimos en el edificio del parqueadero de abajo, para que juntos crezcamos en el conocimiento de nuestra fe católica. Los esperamos no tiene límite de edad

Colecta de comida

En enero recogeremos alimentos para el Banco de Alimentos de la Diócesis de Charlotte. Los artículos solicitados son enlatados verduras, raviolos enlatados, espagueti y albóndigas, macarrones con queso, mantequilla de maní, caliente y fría cereales, avena, salsa de espagueti (sin frascos de vidrio), fideos de espagueti, fideos de huevo, arroz blanco e integral, cajas de jugo Traiga sus donaciones al altar y colóquelas en las canastas que se encuentran frente al altar el fin de semana del 25 al 26 de enero Gracias por su generosidad y feliz año nuevo.

Primer Martes

Si tiene una mesa abundante todos los días y, en agradecimiento, le gustaría ayudar a preparar comidas para los demás, únase a nosotros en el MAK Family Life Center cocina el primer martes de cada mes. Hacemos comidas para tres refugios en nuestra comunidad Hay mucha diversión y risas en la cocina de 1: 00-4: 00pm. ¡Llame a Kathy Guzmán al 704-806-3737 para más información o simplemente únete a nosotros! Nos vemos el próximo 4 de febrero.

Oración

Amado Jesús, quita mi pecado y hazme digno de poder tener un diálogo de amor contigo en este tiempo de oración. Te amo, pero no soy digno porque no he sido fiel a tu gracia, por eso envía tu Espíritu Santo para que me ayude a amarte como Tú me amas. Amen



Reflexion

En el evangelio de hoy, Juan reconoce cuando va a bautizar a Jesús al Hijo de Dios, el Cordero que viene a quitar los pecados y salvar con su vida a toda la humanidad. En ningún momento Juan pensó que él era el Mesías esperado, sino simplemente quien lo anunciaría. Cuando lo descubre no se queda el descubrimiento para él, lo comparte, porque es tal la alegría que ha recibido que la comunica a todos. También nosotros debemos reconocer en nuestra vida diaria al Hijo de Dios. Somos muchas las personas que hemos recibido el Bautismo cuando éramos pequeños, muchos seguimos siendo cristianos por tradición, porque así lo decidieron un día nuestros padres. Otros hemos experimentado un encuentro personal que ha cambiado nuestra vida, nuestra forma de ser y ver y, a partir de ese momento hemos decidido compartir la alegría, ser como Juan anunciadores de su Palabra. Deberíamos pararnos, rememorar nuestro Bautismo, descubrir si realmente sentimos la mirada amorosa de Jesús en nuestra vida, si nos sentimos salvados, acogidos y amados como personas, como comunidad y como Iglesia. Dejar que el Espíritu nos guíe, que llegue hasta nosotros los ecos de los primeros seguidores que se dejaron seducir y enamorar y dieron un vuelco radical a sus vidas. Sólo así seremos cristianos creíbles, porque la fuerza de su Espíritu nos llevará a trabajar por los más débiles, los que aún no lo conocen y también volver a conquistar a todos aquellos que son cristianos bautizados pero alejados. Esa es nuestra fe, nuestra misión: «Ser misioneros, mensajeros como Juan el Bautista».