



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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September 26, 2021 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

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

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

Baptism: This important sign of initiation is celebrated on Saturday mornings. Parents must complete the preparation program. Please contact the church office at least two months prior to your anticipated date for Baptism.

Marriage: This sacrament provides an opportunity for a couple to stand as a sign of God's love in the community. To this end, a period of preparation is important and necessary. Contact the church office at least six months prior to your proposed marriage date to begin this process.

Anointing of the Sick: If you are preparing for surgery or hospitalization, this sacrament can be celebrated with you on any weekend at the church. In an emergency, contact the church so we can pray with you at home or in the hospital.

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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.

**FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
THIS WEEKEND WERE DONATED BY:**
Marilyn Warmington
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Victor & Florentine Bley

Collections

Collection 09-19-2021: \$14,648.77

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Masses This Week

Saturday, September 25, 2021

5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, September 26, 2021

9:15am Maria Nguyen Nguyet +
11:00am Mass

Monday, September 27, 2021

9:00am Jeffrey Kruk +
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in Spanish
LiveStream and In -Person

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

No Service

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

5:30pm Helena Santos +

Thursday, September 30, 2021

9:00am Mass

Friday, October 1, 2021

9:00am Mass

Saturday, October 2, 2021

9:00am Mass-First Saturday

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$732.00 to the CRO. This week our tithe goes to the Belmont Community Organization providing emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community.

St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel Open for Private Prayer

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 8:30am-5:15pm
Wednesdays from 10:00am-5:45pm
Fridays from 8:30am-12:15pm

New Office Hours

Monday 8:30am-5:30pm
Tuesday 8:30am-5:30pm
Wednesday 10:00am-6:00pm
Thursday 8:30am-5:30pm
Friday 8:30am-12:30pm
Lunch is 12:30-1:30pm

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, October 2, 2021—5:00pm

Readers: Larry Capps, Alison Nolting

EMCs: Al Hess, Jerry Miller

Altar Servers: Aidan Oplinger

Hospitality Ministers:

Sunday, October 3, 2021—9:15am Mass

Readers: Elizabeth Sisk, Cindy Rice

EMCs: Rosemary & Jerry Rine

Altar Servers: LiLa & Adam St. Romain

Hospitality Ministers: Brad & Jayne Clark

Sunday, October 3, 2021—11:00am Mass

Readers: Sue Dolphin, JeanMarie Panzica

EMCs: Therease Metivier, Pat Purcell

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford

Hospitality Ministers: Neil Kauer, Mike Proud

Altar Flowers

With our larger worship space, we now have the opportunity for two memorial arrangements at weekend Masses. Flowers are ordered by calling the church office.

LIVE Streaming

All Sunday Masses are live with new and improved streaming! 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 ...

This Friday, October 1, is the memorial of Saint Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church. Being the daughter of Zelig and Louis Martin (themselves canonized saints), she learned to love God and was a great teacher of the faith, expressed through her letters and other writings, during her short life on earth.

In this excerpt from her autobiography, "The Story of a Soul," St. Therese teaches us a lot about how she learned to pray, lessons that we can apply in our own spiritual lives:

"Sometimes when I am in such a state of spiritual dryness that not a single good thought occurs to me, I say very slowly the "Our Father," or the "Hail Mary," and these prayers suffice to take me out of myself. I take refuge, then, in prayer, and turn to Mary, and our Lord always triumphs.

In a word, prayer is something noble, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites it to God. For me, prayer is a burst from my heart, it is a simple glance thrown toward heaven, a cry of thanksgiving and love in times of trial as well as in times of joy. Frequently, only silence can express my prayer. Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles. The power of prayer has been understood by all the saints, and especially, perhaps, by those who have illumined the world with the light of Christ's teaching.

My strength lies in prayer and sacrifice; they are invincible weapons, and touch hearts more surely than words can do, as I have learned by experience. Our fulcrum is God: our lever, prayer; prayer which burns with love. With that we can lift the world!" (<https://www.littleflower.org/st-therese/st-therese-quotes/>)

St. Therese and her family are great intercessors for us as we navigate the challenges of life; her guidance on prayer helps us to stay close to God even in the midst of suffering.

Fr. Paul

Save the date! February 26, 2022



Mardi Gras

1st QoA Annual FAB

(Fundraiser Auction Benefit)

Live & Silent Auctions, Dinner, Dancing & Fun!

Watch for more details!

PROJECT ST. ANNE

Many thanks for your generous contributions this past week to help the people of Camp Perrin as they recover from the devastation of the earthquake and tropical storm. Their recovery will be ongoing for years. As such, we will continue to seek support for them. Here are the ways that you can donate:

- Write a check to Queen of the Apostles and write PSA in the memo field. You can then either mail it to the church or drop it in the collection basket.
- NEW! Make an online donation through the parish website. There is a new dropdown option to direct your donation to Project St. Anne.
- Use Zelle or PAYPAL sending the money to psahaiti@projectstanne.org.
- Make a credit card donation on PSA's website projectstanne.org.



SYMBOLON

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

KNOWING THE FAITH

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

Join Father Paul on **Wednesday, October 20, 6:05-7:05pm** in the MAK Family Life Center as we explore this series and get a whole new perspective of Catholicism. This study will also be available in Spanish facilitated by Alberto and Maria Gonzalez in the Conference Room off the MAK Family Life Center – same date and time! This study will follow the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8;
Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7;
Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5;
Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12;
Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9;
Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29;
Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6;
Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Stewardship

In a life committed to stewardship we are called to "possess lightly." Jesus taught about the dangers of clutching to material possessions and pointed to the real treasures available to us in life.

Sick and Homebound

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

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

Gaston County Life Chain—Sunday, October 3

Queen of the Apostles will be a site for the national life chain event. Plan to arrive by 1:45pm to receive your signs for the Life Chain held from 2:00-3:00pm along Main Street. Contact Tom Carey at tomc9330@outlook.com with questions.

Weekly Rosary

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly. *Recitation is now in-person as well as LiveStream!* Connect by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the icon. The rosary will be recited on **September 27** in Spanish.

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.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday
Monday: St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday: St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions;
St. Wenceslaus
Wednesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Thursday: St. Jerome
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus;
First Friday
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels;
First Saturday

Rosary Makers

Need a rosary repaired? Simply put your broken rosary parts in an envelope with your name and phone number and drop at the church office. We also teach how to make twine rosaries for the Catholic missions around the world. We meet from 10:30am-12:30pm one Saturday a month. We will meet again on Saturday, **October 9**. Please join us. Questions? Contact Marilyn Warmington at 704-827-0823.

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

25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

If you were married during 1970, 1971, 1995 or 1996, you and your family are invited to the annual Diocesan Anniversary Mass on Sunday, **November 7, 2021** at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Mass begins at 2:30pm. Pre-registration is required. To receive an invitation, please call our church office to register.

Annual Coat Drive



We will again collect new or gently used, clean coats and other winter items—sweaters, jackets, sweatshirts, hats, gloves or mittens. Items collected will be distributed to local relief agencies and schools. Find collection bins in the Gathering Space, the breezeway outside of the office and in the Library area of Drexel Hall from **October 9-17**. For information or to volunteer, please contact Andrew Kloak at akloak@yahoo.com or 510-754-8247

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

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



community happenings

2021 Priests' Retirement & Benefits Collection

The dedicated priests who served us in the past now deserve to live out their retirement years in dignity. Our parish has been assessed \$26,242.00 for the priests' retirement and benefits plans. Please be as generous as you can in this second collection, which will be taken in our parish this weekend, **September 25-26**. Additional envelopes are available in the Gathering Space and Breezeway.

September Food Collection

The Diocese of Charlotte is our September recipient. They are in need of mac & cheese, tuna, canned chicken breast, spaghetti & spaghetti sauce, corn, green beans, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, rice, ramen noodles, juice for children, canned fruit, cereal and snacks. The Knights of Columbus will be in the parking lot this weekend, **September 25-26** to accept your donations.



K of C LAMB Foundation Raffle

K of C Council 11076 is sponsoring a raffle to benefit the LAMB Foundation of NC. Least Among My Brethren has given vital services to those with intellectual disabilities for nearly 50 years. The 2021 Raffle is on December 6. Tickets are \$5 each or 6/\$25. They will be available following Masses one weekend per month (**10/2-3, 11/6-7**) or by calling Dan Turner at 704-648-5511.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

OneBlood collection buses will be in the Queen of the Apostles parking lot on Saturday, **October 16** from 9:00am-2:00pm. You can register by going to: https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1087362 to reserve a time for donation. Single and double red donations are being accepted but no platelet donations are available on the buses.



Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be sent to Serving Our Community with Kindness in Springwood (SOCKS) which provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in Eastern Gaston County. Material support can be in the form of food, clothing and/or household goods. Financial support can consist of assistance with utility and rent bills.

Donations of canned/boxed food, home cleaning products, personal hygiene products and gently used clothing are appreciated and can be dropped off Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00am-2:00pm. Volunteers help with sorting and storing donations and assisting clients receiving goods. If you drive a small truck, assistance is also needed picking up food from the USDA and Second Harvest.

Young at Hearts

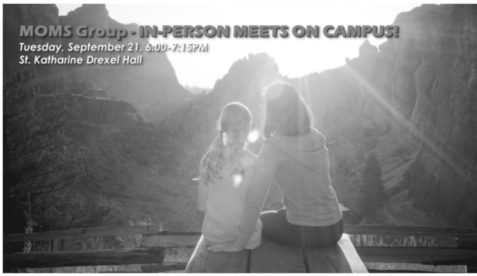
Our Young at Hearts group has decided to postpone potluck dinners until after the first of the year. At that time, they will reevaluate and decide whether to return to their gatherings. Contact Elizabeth Atterberry at boborliz@bellsouth.net for additional information.

Help Pay Down the Mortgage

Please consider helping to pay down the mortgage with either a one-time or recurring donation. You can do this either online (select "Building Fund") or by check (please write "Building Fund" in the memo).

RCIA

If you have been baptized in another tradition or have never been baptized and are interested in joining the Catholic Church, we invite you to join us for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) sessions on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am. We meet in Drexel Hall in the original church building. For more information please contact Sally Williams at swilli36259@gmail.com or 704-616-0058.



MOMS—Ministry of Mothers Sharing

Meetings are resuming for the MOMS Group. Please join us on Tuesday, **October 5** from 6:00-7:15pm in St. Katharine Drexel Hall! Meets will be on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. This gathering is for Moms with children of all ages! Please join us for a new study series and time for fellowship. If you are interested, please email Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

2nd Annual Wreath & Garland Sale

Our **Pilgrims of World Youth Day Ministry** is hosting its 2nd Annual Sale for the upcoming Christmas season. All items are delivered fresh from the forests of the Pacific Northwest straight to your door shortly after Thanksgiving. We have a great selection of the season's finest to deck your halls or surprise your loved ones with the most beautiful greenery. Please view our website to make your selections and start this season in style! All proceeds will fund our youth and leaders on their spiritual journey to the next World Youth Day event, a global week-long pilgrimage to be held in Lisbon in 2023. We appreciate your consideration. Merry Christmas!

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/wydpilgrims>



Sacrament Programs

Please note that the Diocese requires two consecutive years of religious education or attending a Catholic school to participate in the sacrament programs. **Our sacrament programs are in addition to our religious education programs.** Signups are required for both First Sacraments and Confirmation programs. A parent meeting for First Sacraments (First Reconciliation and First Eucharist) will be on Wednesday, **September 29** at 7pm in the MAK Family Life Center and a parent and student meeting for Confirmation registration will be on Wednesday, **October 27** at 7pm in the MAK Family Life Center. For more information, please contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Fall Religious Education Programs

We are excited to announce that we are now using *Alive in Christ* for grades Pre-K through 8. The elementary program for grades Pre-K through 5, will now take place on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm and the middle school program and youth ministry for grades 6, 7 & 8 will take place on Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm. LifeTeen High School Youth will also meet on Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm. More information and registration for all programs can be found online at our website, www.queenoftheapostles.org. For more information, please contact Debbie at 704-825-9600, ext. 26 or formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

Just for Ladies

Our Just for Ladies Bible study group meets next on Thursday, **September 30** in the MAK Family Life Center from 7:00-8:30pm. Ladies, please join in for this new study, *Women of the Old Testament*. Please contact Janet Blaylock at justforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study meets next in person on Monday, **October 4** in the Conference Room following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. Please join us for *The Acts of the Apostles*. Contact Roger Duncan at freedomrld05@yahoo.com or (412) 289-9147 if you are interested in joining the group or need more information.

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Symbolon: La Explicación de la fe Católica (Español)

Muy a menudo tratamos de vivir una fe que no conocemos o entendemos. Algunos de nosotros batallamos con esto, haciendo las cosas por costumbre; otros simplemente se alejan. **SYMBLON: La Explicación de la Fe Católica** explica lo esencial de la fe católica de una manera que informará tu mente e inspirará tus corazones.

Únase a nosotros el miércoles 20 de octubre de 6:05 a 7:05 en la sala de conferencias (MAK Family Life Center) mientras exploramos esta serie y obtenemos una perspectiva completamente nueva del catolicismo. Este estudio será impartido en español por Alberto y María González. Para obtener más información comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-369-9651.

Programas Sacramentales

Tengan en cuenta que la Diócesis requiere dos años consecutivos de educación religiosa o asistir a una escuela católica para participar en los programas sacramentales. Nuestros programas sacramentales se suman a nuestros programas de educación religiosa. Se requieren inscripciones tanto para los programas de los Primeros Sacramentos como para los de Confirmación. Una reunión de padres para los Primeros Sacramentos (Primera Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía) será el miércoles 29 de septiembre a las 7 p.m. en el MAK Family Life Center y una reunión de padres y estudiantes para el registro de Confirmación será el miércoles 27 de octubre a las 7 p.m. en el MAK Family Life Center. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Debbie al 704-825-9600, ext. 26 o formation@queenofthepostles.org. Para español comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-369-9651.

Reflexion

Quien escandalice a uno sólo de estos pequeños que creen en mí, uno sólo de estos hermanos, hermanas que tienen fe, más le vale que le cuelguen al cuello una de esas piedras de molino que mueven los asnos, y le hundan en lo profundo del mar. Un cristiano incoherente hace mucho mal y el escándalo mata. Muchas veces hemos escuchado: 'Pero padre, yo creo en Dios, pero no en la Iglesia, porque ustedes cristianos dicen una cosa y hacen otra. Y también: 'yo creo en Dios, pero en ustedes no. Y esto sucede por la incoherencia. Si tú te encuentras delante, imaginemos de un ateo y te dice que no cree en Dios, tú puedes leerle toda la biblioteca, donde se dice que Dios existe y también probar que Dios existe, y él no tendrá fe. Pero si delante de este ateo tú das testimonio de coherencia de vida cristiana algo comenzará a trabajar en su corazón. Será precisamente tu testimonio lo que le traerá esta inquietud sobre la cual trabaja el Espíritu Santo. Es una gracia que todos nosotros, toda la Iglesia debe pedir: 'Señor, que seamos coherentes'. Es necesario rezar porque para vivir en la coherencia cristiana, es necesaria la oración, porque la coherencia cristiana es un don de Dios y debemos pedirlo. Tristemente, yo creo que esto mismo es lo que piensan hoy en día muchos católicos... Tal vez no lo digan así, tan abiertamente, pero así viven. Sí, se proclaman católicos y muy creyentes, - ¡no faltaba más! -, pero van a misa muy de vez en cuando, no frecuentan los sacramentos y dicen que sólo oran y van a la iglesia "cuando les nace". ¿Qué tipo de católicos tenemos en nuestra Iglesia? Y si esto sucede en América, desgraciadamente en los países de Europa la situación esta muchísimo peor en este sentido. En el Evangelio de hoy tal vez podemos encontrar una respuesta a este problema. Nuestro Señor no habla directamente del culto público de la religión o de la práctica de la fe. Pero creo que sus palabras nos pueden ofrecer una luz para iluminar esta situación. Nos dice: "Si tu mano te hace caer, córtatela, pues más te vale entrar manco en la vida que ir con las dos manos al abismo, al fuego que no se apaga. Y si tu ojo te hace caer, sácatelo, pues más te vale entrar tuerto en el Reino de Dios que ser echado al abismo con los dos ojos, donde el gusano no muere ni el fuego no se apaga". ¿Qué relación tienen estas palabras con la práctica religiosa? Es cierto que nuestro Señor está hablando aquí del escándalo, pero con un lenguaje tan claro y contundente que nos ayuda a entender bien su mensaje. Nos está invitando a adoptar una actitud de autenticidad en nuestros comportamientos y de radicalidad en nuestras opciones de vida; a no ser mediocres ni conformistas; a no contentarnos nunca con el "ahí se va" tan típico de nuestra cultura. El ser cristiano y católico de verdad, de cuerpo entero, y no mediocre y conformista. No sólo de los que se llaman cristianos, sino de aquellos que se han tomado en serio el Evangelio y lo testimonian con sus obras y con su vida. No tengamos miedo tomarnos nuestra fe en serio y ser cristianos como San Pablo o al estilo de los santos y de los mártires. ¿También tú dejas una huella allí por donde pasas? ¿o ni siquiera se dan cuenta los demás de que eres un cristiano auténtico? Pues ¡se debería notar, querido hermano!

¡Los programas de educación religiosa de otoño comienzan esta semana!

Nos complace anunciar que ahora usaremos Alive in Christ/Vivos en Cristo para los grados de Pre-K a 8. El programa de primaria para los grados Pre-K a 5, ahora se llevará a cabo los miércoles de 6:00 a 7:15 p.m. y el programa de escuela intermedia y el ministerio juvenil para los grados 6, 7 y 8 se llevarán a cabo los domingos de 6:00 a 8:00 p.m. Los jóvenes de LifeTeen High School también se reunirán los domingos de 6:00 a 8:00 p.m. Puede encontrar más información e inscripción para todos los programas en línea en nuestro sitio web, www.queenofthepostles.org.

RICA

Si ha sido bautizado en otra tradición o nunca ha sido bautizado y está interesado en unirse a la Iglesia Católica, lo invitamos a unirse a nosotros para las sesiones del Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA) los domingos de 10:30 a 11:30 am. Nos reunimos en Drexel Hall en el edificio original de la iglesia. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Reina Chicas al 704-369-9651.

Colecta de Comida

En el mes de septiembre la colecta de comida será destinada para La Diócesis de Charlotte ellos estarán Necesitando macarrones con queso, atún y pollo enlatado, espaguetis y salsa para espagueti, maíz, judías verdes, guisantes dulces, puré de patatas, arroz, fideos ramen, jugo para niños, fruta enlatada, cereal y bocadillos. Trea tus donaciones el fin de semana del 28 al 29 de septiembre Los Caballeros de Colón estarán en el estacionamiento para aceptar tus donaciones.

¿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 3pm-6pm en la Oficina Parroquial cada semana. Si esas horas no son convenientes pueden hacer una cita. Contáctense con Reina Chicas al 704-369-9651.

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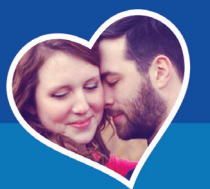
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