



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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September 12, 2021

Twenty-fourth 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
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:**

Walt & Renee Hinson
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Ralph & Phyllis McHargue & Sandra Hinson
And Carmen Mirón
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Maria Perez

Masses This Week

Saturday, September 11, 2021

5:00pm Don Burns +
7:00pm Misa en español

Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:15am For the People
11:00am Walter & Fran Pedrolí +

Monday, September 13, 2021

9:00am Mass
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in Tagalog
LiveStream and In -Person

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

No Service

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

5:30pm Patsy Jackson +

Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:00am Mass

Friday, September 17, 2021

9:00am Mass



Collection 09-05-2021: \$21,823.82

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory last week, we were able to send a tithe of \$1091.00 to House of Mercy. This week our tithe goes to the Belmont Weekend Backpack Program providing food for children at two local schools so they have meals available to them over weekends and school holidays.

**Diocese of Charlotte Eucharistic Congress
September 17 & 18 CANCELED!
Saturday Masses and Confession
Will be held at usual.**

***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***

Diocesan Support Appeal 2021

Please be generous to the DSA. You may find an envelope located at the exits and return it to the office or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, September 18, 2021—5:00pm

Readers: Kimber Walters, Gail Bruno

EMCs: Al Hess, Joan Lynn

Altar Servers:

Hospitality Ministers: Todd Morgan

Sunday, September 19, 2021—9:15am Mass

Readers: Trish Vasil, Elizabeth Sisk

EMCs: Ernie Manaois, Colleen Sutton

Altar Servers: Caitlyn Federation, Caitrin MacAlester

Hospitality Ministers: Julie Andrews, Pat Godfrey

Sunday, September 19, 2021—11:00am Mass

Readers: Roger Duncan, Sue Dolphin

EMCs: Cristina & Juan Saiz

Altar Servers: Janette Blandford, Caleb Richter

Hospitality Ministers: Jay & Keith McGuinness

New Office Hours Starting Sept 13

**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**

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.





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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.

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.

Our Ministries Need You!!

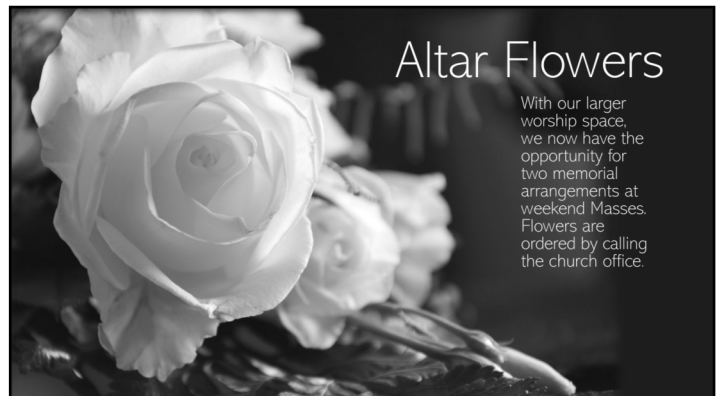
As we move slowly toward Eucharistic celebrations more like what we are used to, we need *you* to come join us in ministry and make that happen! We need smiling faces to welcome and direct church-goers as Hospitality Ministers. We need more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Readers and Altar Servers. We need to rekindle the spirit of community that made worship at Queen of the Apostles extra special and your gift of time and talent is how we can do that! Please reach out to Chrissy at music@queenoftheapostles.org to find out more and get scheduled for training. New Altar Servers need to be children or youth who have made their First Eucharist and Youth Readers need to have been confirmed. We can't wait to hear from you!

Sitio web: ahora también en español

¡El sitio web de nuestra iglesia ahora tiene la opción de ser visto en español! Simplemente haga clic en la casilla EN y tendrá la opción de hacer clic en la opción ES para ver nuestro sitio en español. Si está viendo el sitio web a través de su teléfono inteligente, haga clic en el cuadro de menú (tres líneas) en la parte superior de la pantalla. Luego verá el símbolo de la bandera en la parte inferior que luego puede cambiar a español.

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.



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9;
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10;
Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8;
Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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.

Stewardship

Sharing our talents arises from the fact that God has given each of us the ability and gifts to do certain things well, and we are to develop those talents for the good of others.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A group of over thirty women share their gift of crocheting and knitting God's love, care and warmth into shawls for those in need of comfort in our parish. The group meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month from 10:30-12:30. Can't make the meeting time? That's okay! You can crochet or knit at home! Contact 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. They begin meeting again on **September 14** in the Conference Room.



Curious About Cub Scouts?

Drop by their first meeting on Monday, **September 20** at 7:00pm in the St. Benedict Education Building. Are you a 6th + Grader interested in Boy Scouts? Stop by a Boy Scout meeting on Monday nights at 7:00pm, holidays excluded. Questions? Text Dawn Rogers at 704-491-2835.

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 13** in Tagalog, **September 20** in English and **September 27** in Spanish.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day

Monday: St. John Chrysostom

Tuesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday: Our Lady of Sorrows; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset

Thursday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Friday: St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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 September 10 issue of the *Catholic News Herald* features information on the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection. Please take time to read this article so that you can be better informed about the retirement and benefits plans. All registered families should soon receive information in the mail from Bishop Jugis. Please respond generously to the annual collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits scheduled for the weekend of **September 25-26**.

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 the weekend of **September 28-29** to accept your donations.



Well-Read Mom Group Forming Soon!

You are invited to come and learn about Well+-Read Mom and consider joining us as we read this fall and spring. Well-Read Mom (WRM) is a way for women to reclaim time to read the best. The goal is to provide a way for women to read high-quality literature together and grow in friendship in the process. Our groups are open to women at all stages of life (not just moms!) Groups read one book per month and meet once a month to discuss. Our year together includes great books, spiritual classics (during Advent and Lent) and worthy reads that explore the human condition and reorient us to what is good, true and beautiful. Find out more on Tuesday, **September 14** at 7:00pm in Drexel Hall. Contact Rachelle to RSVP or for more information at raramz@gmail.com or visit wellreadmom.com.

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 (9/11-12, 10/2-3, 11/6-7) or by calling Dan Turner at 704-648-5511.

World Youth Day Flowering Bulb Fundraiser Ends September 12

We are very excited to share with you the beautiful selection of flowering bulbs for your Spring gardens! All of our bulbs will be shipped directly to you this Fall for planting at the ideal time for your area and after a long Winter's sleep in your garden, they will be ready to burst forth with vibrant colors and the sweet fragrance of Spring! Our selection of flowers is available on our fundraising page: <https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/marketplace/seller/profile/shop/pilgrimsofwyd>. Bulbs are 100% guaranteed. Thank you in advance for your support! **Please place orders by September 12.**

Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will be sent to the Community Relief Organization (CRO) which offers crisis assistance to those in need of material and financial support in the Mount Holly area. Donations of canned/boxed food and household products are greatly appreciated. Volunteers help with sorting and storing donations, picking up donations at local food banks (USDA, Second Harvest) and assisting clients receiving goods. Additional help is needed with data entry and could be a good opportunity for students looking for service hours. To learn more, go to <http://www.cro-mtholly.org>.

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, **September 21** 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.

High School Volunteers Needed!

High School volunteers are needed to assist in the children's Elementary Faith Formation programs on Wednesday evenings starting on **September 15**. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org or call 704-825-9600, ext 26.

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 Begin This Week!

We are excited to announce that we will now be 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.

Just for Ladies

Our Just for Ladies Bible study group meets next on Thursday, **September 16** 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 a new study, *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.

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. Classes are currently be handled through online modules. Go to virtus.org to sign up for this certification.



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SYMBOLON
LA EXPLICACIÓN DE LA FE CATÓLICA

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. **SYMBOLON: 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

Este evangelio de hoy es muy importante para Marcos y también debería serlo para nosotros en la actualidad. Este evangelio nos presenta un interrogante comprometedor. Jesús lleva un tiempo conviviendo con sus discípulos, y ha llegado el momento de preguntar si saben quién es Él realmente. Sin rodeos Jesús les pregunta a sus discípulos. También nos hace hoy esta pregunta a nosotros, ¿Sabemos quién es Jesús de Nazaret? Nosotros, igual que Pedro, podemos contestar: "Tú eres el Mesías". Pero, ¿estamos convencidos?

Decirlo es fácil, pero practicar y vivir como él lo hizo, ya no es tan fácil. Por eso debemos profundizar en nuestra fe, en su seguimiento. Jesús no habla con dobleces, sino que es totalmente sincero, sabe que seguirlo nos acarreará problemas igual que le ocurrió a Él. Por eso no es fácil seguir a Jesús, porque no se trata de vivir un culto, sino de algo más profundo: tener fe.

Todos tenemos la misma tentación de Pedro, tentación humana: apartarnos del camino de Dios. Jesús nos recalca estas palabras para que todos las oigan *y tengan claras*: "Quién quiera seguirme, que se niegue a sí mismo, que cargue su cruz y me siga". No obliga a nadie a seguirlo, el seguimiento es libre, voluntario, pero si decidimos hacerlo tenemos que ser coherentes, ser responsables y serios con la decisión que tomemos.

Seguir a Jesús no es vivir a medias tintas, sino vivir implicados en la construcción de la justicia, la paz y la construcción de un mundo más justo y humano.

¡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 acepta 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.