



QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES

Reina de los Apostoles
A Catholic Community
Comunidad Catolica de Belmont

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All public services will be limited in number and continue to be livestreamed for the foreseeable future in accordance with government and diocesan directives



April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter

Weekday Eucharist Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 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
Holy Day Celebrations: 12:15pm and 7:15 pm
Misa en Español: 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.

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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.

Masses This Week

Saturday, April 10, 2021

5:00pm For the People
7:00pm Misa en espanol
LiveStream Encouraged

Sunday, April 11, 2021

9:15am Robert Gwiazdzinski +
LiveStream Encouraged
11:00am Helena Dua +
LiveStream Encouraged

Monday, April 12, 2021

9:00am Fr. Art Schute +
7:00pm Rosary Recitation in Spanish
LiveStream Only

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

9:00am Margaret & Thomas Bidwick—health

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

9:00am Sr. Mary Jude Walsh +
7:00pm Confirmation Mass

Thursday, April 15, 2021

No Services

Friday, April 16, 2021

9:00am Patrick Bragg—health

Collections

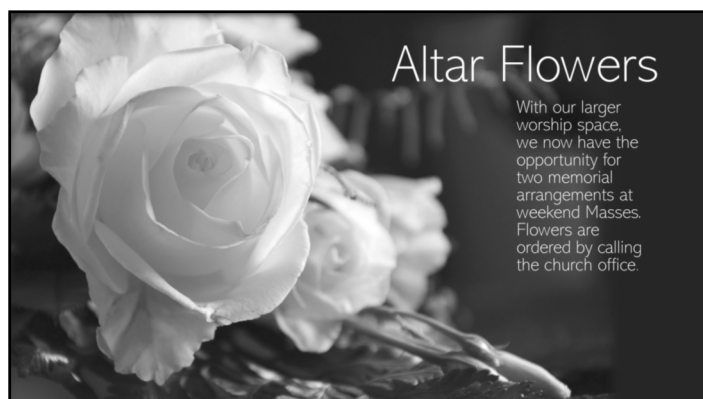
Collection 03-28-2021: \$14,727.82

04-04-2021: \$25,739.26

Thank you for your support of the parish!

Our Weekly Tithes:

Because of your generosity in the offertory the week of March 28, we were able to send a tithe of \$736.00 to Belmont Weekend Backpack Program. There was no tithe for Easter weekend. This week our tithe goes to the CRO. This Community Relief Organization offers emergency assistance to those living in Mount Holly and the surrounding area.



St. Katharine Drexel Day Chapel
Open Monday-Friday for Private Prayer
From 8:30am to 4:15pm
Daily Mass will now be said in Church.

Liturgical Ministers:

Saturday, April 17, 2021—5:00pm

Reader: Patty Topper

EMC: Diane Hess, Jerry Miller

Cross Bearer:

Sanitizing Crew: Steve D'Avria, Deborah Eagon,
Joan Lynn, Peggy & Wayne Robertson

Sunday, April 18, 2021—9:15am Mass

Reader: Scott Phillips

EMC: Joe Bruno, Linda Huffsmith

Cross Bearer:

Sanitizing Crew: Lisa Davis, Pat Godfrey,
Mark McManus, Suzanne Patz

Sunday, April 18, 2021—11:00am Mass

Reader: Sue Dolphin

EMC: Tom Calabro, Richard Swakla

Cross Bearer: Janette Blandford

Weekend Mass Protocol

- Limited capacity
- Facemasks are required
- 2 Center Doors opened 10 minutes prior and are closed once Mass begins
- Sit only in a marked seat in an open pew
- Use hand sanitizer before Communion
- Offering envelopes placed in basket at door
- Exit through side doors

Daily Mass Protocol

- Limited capacity
- Facemasks are required
- Enter through front doors only
- Sit only in a marked seat in an open pew
- Use hand sanitizer before Communion
- Exit through side doors

If you do not feel well, have a cough or slight temperature please do NOT come to church.

*Queen of the Apostles Faith
Community Rejoices with:*

Newly Baptized

*Alfred George Lovelace
Amelia Dean Lovelace
Everette Ryan Lovelace
Ryan Dean Lovelace
Emily Parker
Steven Alexander Reyes*

Received into Full Communion

*Jennifer Miller
Travis Miller*

Catholic Completing Initiation

Rebecca Colleen Dimmer

ST. MATTHEW CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY
SISTERS OF MERCY, ST. PHILLIP NERI PARISH,
ST. THERESE PARISH AND ST. LUKE'S PARISH

CATHOLICS AND CREATION CARE

April 22, 2021 @ 7pm

Did you know that Caring for Creation is part of our Catholic Social Teaching?

We invite everyone to join us for a Catholics and Creation Care webinar with our very own Dr. Catherine Wright, who has recently published a practical guide on Pope Francis's second encyclical writing, *Laudato Si'*: On Care of Our Common Home. In this introductory webinar you will learn why Creation Care is so important to Pope Francis and the life of the church.

TO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT:

(In-person and virtual), go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050948aea72fa2f94-catholics>

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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.



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.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9;
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33;
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42;
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7;
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a;
Lk 24:35-48

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

April Food Collection

Our April food collection will go to the Diocese of Charlotte. The pantry is in need of mac and cheese, tuna, cooking oil, sugar, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, green beans, corn, snacks, juice, canned fruit, flour, rice and cereal. Bring your donations to the parking lot the weekend of **April 24-25**. The Knights of Columbus volunteers will be there to accept your food items. Thank you for helping us to continue feeding those in need in our community.

Rosary for Priests

On Tuesday mornings following daily Mass, the Rosary for Priests is recited in the Drexel Chapel. Please join us!

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.

Online Centering Prayer

The Belmont Centering Prayer group meets online on Mondays at noon for approximately 30 minutes. Centering Prayer is a form of Christian meditation that emphasizes interior silence. For more information or to join the online meetings, please contact Peggy Geiger at dokgee16@gmail.com or 704-517-0192.

Tithing Partner Spotlight

Next weekend, our tithe will go to the Belmont Community Organization (BCO) which provides emergency assistance for folks in need of material and financial support in the Belmont community. Material support is 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, gently used clothing, household appliances in good working order and other household products are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Volunteers can help with sorting and storing donations and assisting clients receiving goods.

Stewardship

The decision to give has not so much to do with calendars and budgets. Rather, the decision to give is really a matter of putting your life with God into perspective.

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset

Tuesday: St. Martin I

Thursday: Income Tax Day

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

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 writing a check (write "Building Fund" in the memo line).

CRS Rice Bowls

For parishioners who are participating via live stream, you can donate to Rice Bowls online at crsricebowl.org/give. Be sure to make your donation to Queen of the Apostles, Belmont, NC so we can receive 25% back to fund hunger in our community. 92% of all donations go to CRS programs. Rice Bowls are due to be returned at the end of Lent. Thank you for participating in this year's CRS Rice Bowl program.



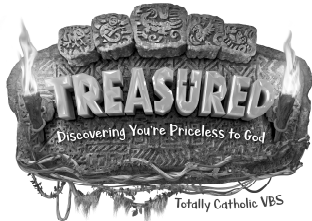
Graduating Seniors

We would love to honor our high school seniors on Friday, **May 14** at 7:00pm. Please wear your cap and gown! Please email formation@queenoftheapostles.org to reserve your place or call the church office at 704-825-9600.



Confirmation

Please continue to keep our confirmands in your prayers. Their Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 at 7:00pm.



REGISTRATION OPENS ONLINE SUNDAY, APRIL 18!

Vacation Bible School will run the week of **Sunday, June 27—Thursday, July 1**. This program will be virtual with take-home VBS fun packs to go along with the videos. Online registration will be available online April 18!

Summer Faith Formation (Grades, Rising 1-5) will run the weeks of **Sunday, July 11—Thursday, July 15** and **Sunday, July 18—Thursday, July 22**. This will be an in-person program on campus following government and diocesan safety directives. Class sizes will be limited. Online registration will open online **April 18!**

Adult Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping out with the children's summer programs? Catechists and volunteers are needed for the in-person summer faith formation program and virtual VBS program. For more information on volunteering, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.



Children's Faith Formation Program

Our Children's Faith Formation Virtual Program is now in the last session. Completed folders for this session are due back on **May 16**. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.

LifeTeen Moving to In-Person



Starting on Sunday, **April 11** LifeTeen will **resume in-person meets**, using Sign-Up Genius along with other safety measures. Please contact Jayme at youthmin@queenoftheapostles.org with any questions.

MOMS Group Meeting on Campus - Group Size Limit



Our Ministry of Mother's Sharing resumed meeting here at church on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Their next meet is on Tuesday, **April 20** from 6:00pm- 7:15pm! Meetings will take place in the Gathering Space (entry to church) and have a limit to **20** in the group. We will be exploring our parish's new subscription to FORMED - *Motherhood Matters*. Please join us for this time of fellowship to share a time focused on Motherhood. Due to our current restrictions, refreshments and childcare will not be available. For more information, please contact Debbie at formation@queenoftheapostles.org.



Just for Ladies

Just for Ladies will skip Holy Week and continue on Thursday, **April 15** at 6:30pm virtually with Zoom! This will be a Walking with Purpose study *'Opening Your Heart, The Starting Point.'* If you've never participated in a Bible study before, now is the time! Please join us for our study, by contacting Janet Blaylock at qoajustforladiesbiblestudy@gmail.com.

Just for Men

Our Just for Men Bible study will resume meeting in person beginning on Monday, **May 3** in the MAK Family Life Center following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:00pm. 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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WATCH

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

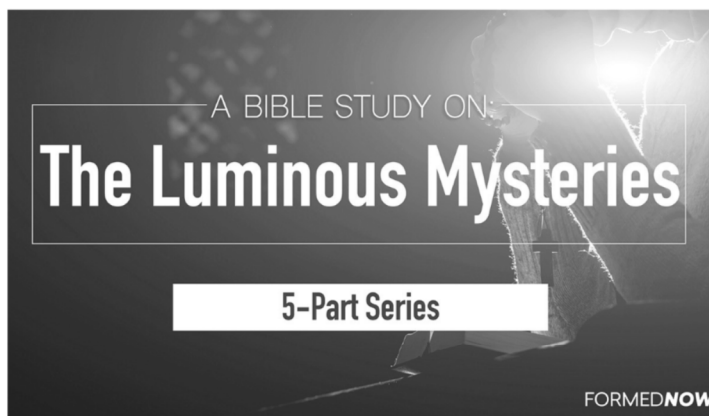
As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



LEARN

A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

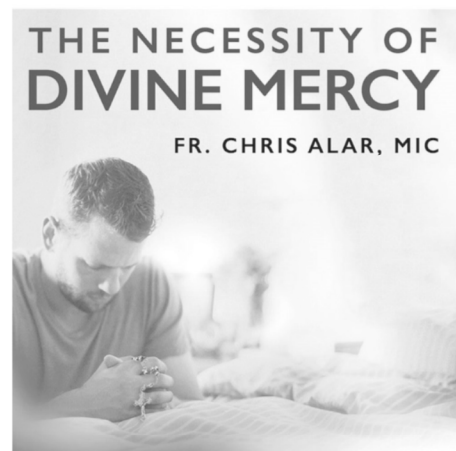
In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the "light of the world" (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.



LISTEN

THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

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Thanks for a Successful Blood Drive

Thanks to all who volunteered of themselves and donated blood at the drive on Saturday the 27th. We had 30 brave souls sign up and collected 25 much needed pints for our area, impacting up to 75 area patients and their families in our area. Please plan to join us again in October for our next drive.

Weekly Rosary Recitation

On Mondays at 7:00pm the rosary will be recited weekly rotating through in different languages. *Recitation will be LiveStream only!* You can connect by going to www.queenoftheapostles.org and clicking on the icon. The rosary will be recited on **April 12** in Spanish, **April 19** in English, **April 26** in Creole, **May 3** in English and **May 10** in Tagalog.

House of Mercy 30th Anniversary

House of Mercy is celebrating its 30th Anniversary and is seeking volunteers to help with planning events, marketing, and fundraising. Please contact Tanya Sastoque, Director of Development and Communications at development@thehouseofmercy.org and 704-800-5966.

Retrouvaille Program

"Our marriage had gone cold. We were living as roommates." Sounds familiar? The Retrouvaille Program offers tools to rediscover a loving marriage. Tens of thousands of struggling marriages have successfully overcome their marital problems by attending the program. It begins with a weekend experience that is followed by a series of follow-up sessions to help keep you on track. For confidential information or to apply to the program beginning with the weekend of October 22, 2021 call 800-470-2230 or email retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

noticias de nuestra comunidad hispana

Protocolo para la misa de fin de semana

- Limitado personas.
 - Se requieren mascarillas
 - 2 puertas centrales abiertas 10 minutos antes
 - Siéntese solo en un asiento marcado en un banco abierto
 - Use desinfectante para manos antes de la comunión
 - Depositar su ofrenda en las cestas que se encuentran colocadas las
- Puertas laterales**
- Salir todos por las puertas laterales.

Protocolo para la misa entre semana

- Limitado a 34 personas.
- Se requieren mascarillas
- Ingrese solo a través de Narthex
- Siéntese solo en un asiento marcado en un banco abierto
- Use desinfectante para manos antes de la comunión
- Salga por las puertas de Narthex.

Si no se siente bien, tienes tos o leve temperatura por favor NO vengas a la iglesia.

Reflexion

LA MISERICORDIA DEL SEÑOR ES ETERNA. ALELUYA

Jesús vuelve con los suyos. El tiempo de la Pascua, es un tiempo maravilloso para reflexionar sobre la presencia de Jesús con sus discípulos, donde realiza una inmensa misión, haciéndoles entender cómo La Muerte y Resurrección del Señor, es un acontecimiento extraordinario para quitarles el temor, el miedo, y hacerles ver que Jesús no ha muerto, que vive con ellos. De ahí que el apóstol San Pablo aclara firmemente: Si Cristo no hubiera resucitado, vana sería nuestra fe. Este es un mensaje también para cada uno de nosotros que estamos celebrando este tiempo maravilloso de La Pascua de Resurrección. Desafortunadamente, muchas veces nos quedamos viviendo solo un tiempo histórico del pasado y como que no nos afecta a nuestra vida presente y por eso no vivimos de verdad la Muerte y resurrección del Señor. El hecho concreto, es que ni siquiera nos damos cuenta de la grandeza de nuestro Bautismo, el Sacramento de la Sagrada Eucaristía y los demás sacramentos. Todo debido a que desconocemos nuestra fe, y estamos más preocupados por las cosas del mundo, las cosas materiales, Mi invitación es hacer un alto en el camino y saquemos tiempo especial para meditar sobre los misterios que nos trajeron nuestra salvación y de esa forma dar gracias a Dios por todos los beneficios que a diario recibimos del Señor y sobre todo agradecer los regalos de la resurrección del Señor que nos ha dado para nuestra salvación y es el mandamiento del amor, la Sagrada Eucaristía y el Sacerdocio. Ellos son necesario para entender el gran regalo de la vida que Jesús nos ha ofrecido con su vida, muerte y resurrección. El cómo Dedicarle más tiempo a la oración, meditar la Palabra de Dios, poner en práctica los mandamientos de la ley de Dios y viviendo los siete sacramentos. Si lo hacemos, poquito a poco podremos ir entendiendo el gran significado de la Pascua de Resurrección, es decir lo que estamos celebrando ahora mismo. Reflexionemos: Felices Pascuas de Resurrección. P. José Antonio Juya V.

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Colecta de Comida

Nuestra colección de alimentos de abril irá a la Diócesis de Charlotte. Los alimentos que están necesitando son, macarrones con queso, atún, aceite de cocina, azúcar, espaguetis y salsa de espagueti, judías verdes, maíz, bocadillos, jugo, conservas de frutas, harina, arroz y cereales. Trae tus donaciones al estacionamiento el fin de semana del 24 al 25 de abril. Los Caballeros de Colón y voluntarios estarán allí para aceptar sus alimentos. Gracias por seguir colaborando en la colecta de alimentos para los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad.

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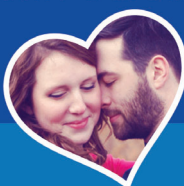
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