

**ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
&**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission  
Catholic Diocese of Charlotte**

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**Mass Times**

**Sunday at St. Joseph**      **Vigil at OLG (Saturday)**  
9:30 am (English)                      5:00 pm (Bi-lingual)  
11:00 am (English)

**Daily Masses at St. Joseph**

*(Daily Masses are offered in English unless otherwise posted)*

**Monday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:00 pm**  
**Wednesday: 6:00 pm**

**Eucharist Adoration**

**Thursday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (OLG-Spanish)**  
**Friday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (St. Joseph-English)**

**Confession Times**

**Thursday: 7:10 PM - 8:00 PM (OLG-English/Spanish)**  
**Friday: 11:15 AM - 11:50 AM (St. Joseph)**  
**& by request or appointment.**

**Religious Education/Catechesis (All at St. Joseph)**

- **Sundays** 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm for kids ages 5 to 17
- **Thursdays** 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm for adults

**PARISH LEADERS**

**Parish Council Chair:** Ken Paulus  
**Parish Council Vice Chair:** Tom Wilmot  
**Parish Council Secretary:** Glenda Jarrett  
**Finance Chair:** William Knopf  
**Director of Religious Education:** Sussette Webster  
**Hispanic Ministry Leader:** Fabricio Sanchez  
**St Joseph's Brothers Chair:** Dan Von Behren  
**Parish Life Chair:** Naomi Loman  
**Respect Life Coordinator:** Nancy Thomason  
**Music Ministry Chair:** Carol Tucker

***Ascension Sunday, Year A***

***May 17, 2026***



*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.”*

*Matt 28:19-20*

**Parish Offertory 5/10/2026**

- **St. Joseph** \$828.00
- **OLG** \$315.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today is for upgrade of our communication**

QR Code for Parish On-line Giving  
May the good Lord bless you as you think of us



# Pastor's Ink

(For Sunday and Weekday Readings visit: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-readings>)

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Ordinarily, this should have been celebrated on Thursday, 40 days after the Resurrection of the Lord, but for a greater participation, the Church in her wisdom has move it to today. The Ascension is one of the most beautiful and misunderstood mysteries of our faith. At first glance, it appears like Jesus is leaving us. But the Ascension is not about absence. It is about mission, confidence, and hope.

When Jesus ascends, He goes to the Father so that our humanity can be brought into the very heart of God. The One who sits at the right hand of the Father carries our wounds, our struggles, our joys. Jesus entrusts His mission to the Church today, to all of us: "Go make disciples of all nations". We are now His hands, His voice, His compassion in the world.

Interestingly, where Christ has gone, we hope to follow. He ascends not to abandon us but to prepare a place for us. Our lives are not random journeys. They are pilgrimages toward the Father's house. Thus, the Ascension invites us to stop looking only upward and start looking around: at the people who need encouragement, at the poor who need care, at the young who need guidance, at the lonely who need presence. Christ reigns in heaven, but continues His works on earth through us. May this solemnity renew our courage, our purpose, and our hope.

God bless you.

<b>Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee</b> 5/16/26– Ascension Sunday	<b>5:00 pm Bilingual</b>	Mass (OLG): For the Departed members of our Parish
<b>Sunday, 5/17/26 at St. Joseph</b>	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Mass: For Our Parish Family Mass: For Mary Christopher who marks her birthday
<b>Monday 5/18/26</b> Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday, 5/19/26</b> Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass: Healing for Deborah Sue Parks
<b>Wednesday, 5/20/26</b> Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass: Healing for John Joseph Janutis
<b>Thursday, 5/21/26</b> Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass:
<b>Friday, 5/22/26</b> Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass:



**Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:**  
*Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Bill Hadley, Suzy Goldberg, Mary Herr,  
 Doris Kearns, Charlotte Rowe, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner,  
 John Janutis, Deborah Parks, Julie Wilmont, Carol Redwine, Bill Jones, Jan Johnston.*



**First Communion**

Dear Parents, please note that **First Communion will take place in September.** This change allows us to give the children **more time for prayerful preparation** so they can receive the sacrament with deeper understanding and readiness. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

**Note: Visiting Pastor**

Fr. Victor is on vacation.  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe will have just one **bilingual Mass on Saturdays at 5:00pm during the month of May**

We welcome Fr. Anthony Mbanefo, from Asheville, who will be celebrating Masses with us this Weekend.

**Men's Meeting**

The Men (St. Joseph Brothers) of the Parish will be meeting this week Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> by noon (12:00pm) Venue is the Parish Hall. All men are welcomed.