

**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 (Bilingual)  
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.**

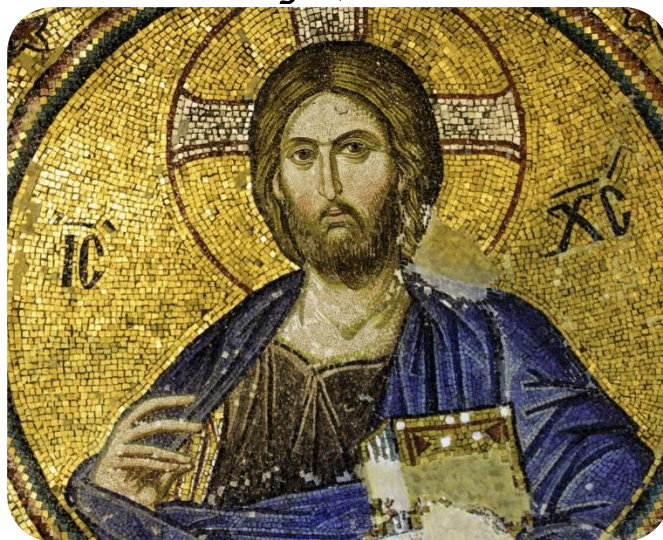
**Religious Education/Catechesis (All at St. Joseph)**

- **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

***Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A***  
***May 3, 2026***



*“Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”*

– John 14: 6-7

**Parish Offertory 4/26/2026**

*(Church in Need)*

- **St. Joseph**      \$ 1,268      \$390
- **OLG**              \$451              \$143

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>)

In the first reading, we hear about the early Christian community discovering its identity. They are called to be a spiritual house, built on Christ the cornerstone. That means every believer: young, old, strong, struggling, has a place and a purpose in God's plan. No one is extra. No one is forgotten. And in the second reading, Peter reminds us that we are a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation." Not because we are perfect, but because God has chosen to work through us.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that every disciple needs to hear: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." He says this at a moment when the disciples feel uncertain, confused, and afraid. And Jesus responds not with explanations, but with the heart of His message: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." This is the heart of the Christian journey. We don't follow a map; we follow a person. The way to the Father is a person, the unique and perfect manifestation of God; and through him alone we have access to the Father. Therefore, those who claim that all religions is a way to God may sound democratic, but this view only affirms that they are all distant echoes of reality. The Christian religion is "The Way" because God in His Son is leading us back to Himself. To come to Jesus is not only to find direction but to be drawn into divine life itself. So, when John says "grace and truth came through Jesus Christ", He is not saying that Jesus is merely an instrument but its perfect revelation, to see Jesus is to see what God is truly like. Hence, as "Life", He is simply origin and destination of all things.

So, what does this mean for us today? It means that when life feels uncertain, Jesus invites us to trust Him. When we don't know the next step, it is as though He appeals to us, He says "Walk with me." And when we doubt our purpose, He tells us "bear fruit by serving others and leading them to God."

This week, the Lord invites us to live as people who know the way.

**God bless you.**

<b>Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee</b> 5/2/26– Memorial of St. Athanasius	<b>5:00 pm Bilingual</b>	Mass (OLG): For Dolores Arch who marks her birthday today
<b>Sunday, 5/3/26 at St. Joseph</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A	<b>9:30 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	Mass: +For the continual repose of Crissy Tucker Mass: For Gloria Akough who marks her birthday today
<b>Monday 5/4/26</b> Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass: For Pat Shalter who marks 90 <sup>th</sup> year birthday today
<b>Tuesday, 5/5/26</b> Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday, 5/6/26</b> Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Mass: For the continual repose of Dooter Mercy Ageh
<b>Thursday, 5/7/26</b> Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass: For Our Parish Family
<b>Friday, 5/8/26</b> Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter	<b>12:00 pm</b>	Mass: Sr. Luz Araceli who marks her birthday today



**Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:**  
*Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Bill Hadley, Suzy Goldberg,  
 Doris Kearns, Mary Herr, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner,  
 Julie Wilmont, Harmer and Maggie Weichel, Jan Johnston.*



<b>Diocesan Support Appeal</b>	<b>Mark your Calendars</b>	<b>Note</b>
St. Joseph Goal: \$10,116.19 Pledged: \$12,823.00 <b>Pledges Collected: \$6,989.50</b>  OLG: Goal \$3,335.87 Pledged: \$2,750.00 <b>Pledges Collected: \$2,000.00</b>	Our parish celebrates the feast of St. Joseph the Worker with a potluck dinner this <b>Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.</b>  All are welcome! Italian themed dishes are appreciated.	We thank Fr. Michael Donovan for celebrating the Masses.  <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe will have just one bilingual Mass on Saturdays at 5:00pm during the month of May</b>