

# ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH &

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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### Lenten Programs/Mass Times

<b>Sunday at St. Joseph</b>	<b>Vigil at OLG (Saturday)</b>
9:30 am (English)	4:30 pm (English)
11:00 am (English)	6:00 pm (Spanish)

### Daily Masses at St. Joseph

*(Daily Masses are offered in English all Weekdays of Lent- if there is a change it will appear on the next page)*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12:00 pm

Friday: *Stations of the Cross 5:00 pm & Mass 5:45 pm*  
*Stations of the Cross 4:00 pm (OLG English)*  
*Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm (OLG Spanish)*

### Holy week Program

**Palm Sunday (March 29):** Mass at St. Joseph  
Time: 9:00am and 11:00am (Sunday)  
OLG Mass Time: 4:30pm and 6:00pm (Saturday)

**Holy Thursday (April 2):** Mass of the Last Supper at OLG  
Time: 5:00pm

**Good Friday (April 3):** Stations of the Cross at OLG  
Time: 12:00pm (English); 3:00pm (Spanish)

**Good Friday (April 3):** Eucharistic Service (Passion Narrative and Veneration of the Holy Cross) at St. Joseph  
Time: 5:00pm

**Holy Saturday (April 4):** Morning Prayers at St. Joseph  
Time: 10:00am

**Easter Vigil – Saturday Night (April 4):** Mass at St. Joseph  
Time: 8:30pm

**Easter Sunday (April 5)**  
Mass at OLG: 8:30am (Bilingual)  
Mass at St. Joseph: 10:00am (English)

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A* *March 22, 2026*



“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”  
John 11:25-26

### Parish Offertory 3/15/2026

➤ St. Joseph \$ 1,557.42  
➤ OLG \$313.00

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May the good Lord bless you as you think of us



## Weekly Parish Calendar and Daily Mass Readings

*Masses, meetings, activities and events are held at St. Joseph Catholic Church unless otherwise posted.*

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 3/21/26 – Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Mass (OLG): Mass (OLG):	Re 1: Ezekial 37:12-14 Re 2: Romams 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45
Sunday, 3/22/26 at St. Joseph	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: Mass:	
Monday 3/23/26 Fifth Week of Lent	12:00 pm	Mass:	Re 1: Dan 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Gospel: John 8:1-11
Tuesday, 3/24/2 Fifth Week of Lent	12:00 pm	<b>No Mass:</b>	Re 1: Numbers 21:4-9 Gospel: John 8:21-30
Wednesday, 3/25/26 <b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>	12:00 pm	Mass:	Re 1: Isiah 7:10-14: 8:10 Re 2: Hebrews 10:4-10 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38
Thursday, 3/26/26 Fifth Week of Lent	12:00 pm	Mass:	Re 1: Genesis 17:3-9 Gospel: John 8:51-59
Friday, 3/27/26 Fifth Week of Lent	5:45 pm	Mass:	Re 1: Jeremiah 20:10-13 Gospel: John 10:31-42

*Please pray for: Margo Wood, Kathy Ori, Jenny Bonnette, Charlotte Rowe, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Bill Hadley, Suzy Goldberg, Doris Kearns, Mary Herr, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Sylvester & Rita Turner, Fannie Wiggins, Julie Wilmont, Carol Redwine, Bill Jones, Jan Johnston.*



### Pastor's Ink

As we near the end of Lent, today's readings remind us that God brings life where we see only death. Ezekiel promises, "I will open your graves," and Paul tells us the Spirit who raised Jesus already lives in us. But the Gospel shows this promise in action.

Jesus arrives in Bethany and hears the cry we've all spoken: "Lord, if you had been here..." He doesn't rebuke Martha and Mary, rather He weeps with them. Our Savior enters our pain. Then He declares, "I am the resurrection and the life," and calls Lazarus from the tomb.

But Lazarus comes out still bound. Jesus raises him, yet He tells the community, "Untie him and let him go." Resurrection is God's work; unbinding is ours. Around us are people still wrapped in fear, shame, addiction, resentment, or old wounds. Christ calls them to life, and He asks us to help set them free with mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love.

As Holy Week approaches, Jesus stands before the tombs in our own lives and asks: Do you believe? He can bring life out of what seems dead, restore what feels beyond repair, and speak a new beginning into our hearts. The raising of Lazarus is not just a past miracle; it is Christ's promise for us today and the future.

*God bless You*

#### Please Note

The 9:30am Mass for St. Joseph will begin 30minutes earlier because of the long liturgy.

Practice for Parents and Persons preparing for baptism at Easter Vigil will be on Friday (March 27) by 10:00am at St Joseph

Lectors practice for the Holy Week Program will be by 11am on Friday (March 27) at St. Joseph.

#### Diocesan Support Appeal

St. Joseph Goal: \$10,116.19  
Pledged: \$12,323.00

**Pledged Collected: \$6,339.50**

OLG: Goal \$3,335.87  
Pledged: \$2,250.00

**Pledged Collected: \$1,500.00**

#### Please Note

Next weekend we will have a second collection for Priest's retreat.

We are inviting all who can to join us on Thursday (March 26) by 1:00pm for a deliberation on parish maintenance.

Nancy Thomason would like to thank all those who made her birthday last Thursday a memorable one.

#### Bible Study

The Bible Study Group will meet in the St. Joseph Parish Hall on Thursday, March 26 at 5pm  
It's not too late to join! Contact Alisha Parker at 225-317-0475 for info.