

**ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
&**

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

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Lenten Programs/Mass Times

Sunday at St. Joseph **Vigil at OLG (Saturday)**
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)

Eucharist Adoration

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (St. Joseph-English)

Friday: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (OLG-Spanish)

Confession Times

Thursday: 11:15 AM - 11:50 AM (St. Joseph)

Friday: 7:10 PM - 8:00 PM (OLG-English/Spanish)
& 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

**First Sunday of Lent, Year A –
February 22, 2026**



“Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” Matthew 4:1

Parish Offertory 2/15/2026

- St. Joseph \$1,781.00
- OLG \$470.00

Next Week we shall have a second collection for Easter Flowers

PARISH LEADERS

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

QR Code for Parish On-line Giving
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 2/21/26 – <i>First Sunday of Lent, Year A</i>	4:30 pm	Mass (OLG): Parish Family	<i>Re 1: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7</i> <i>Re 2: Rom 5:12-19</i> <i>Gospel: Matt 4:1-11</i>
	6:00 pm	Mass (OLG): +Araceli Martin	
Sunday, 2/22/26 at St. Joseph	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: +Janet Hanna Mass: +Suzanne McKenna Goldberg	
Monday 2/23/26 <i>St. Polycarp (Bishop and Martyr)</i>	12:00 pm	Mass: +Janet Hanna	<i>Re 1: Lev 19:1-2, 11-18</i> <i>Gospel: Matt 25:31-46</i>
Tuesday, 2/24/26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:00 pm	Mass: +Mr Ohio	<i>Re 1: Isa 55:10-11</i> <i>Gospel: Matt 6:7-15</i>
Wednesday, 2/25/26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	6:00 pm	Mass: Parish Leaders	<i>Re 1: Jonah 3:1-10</i> <i>Gospel: Luke 11:29-32</i>
Thursday, 2/26/26 <i>Lenten Weekday</i>	12:00 pm	Mass: Our Parish Catechumens	<i>Re 1: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25</i> <i>Gospel: Matt 7:7-12</i>
Friday, 2/27/26 <i>St. Gregory of Narek (Abbot and Doctor)</i>	5:45 pm	Mass:	<i>Reading 1: Ezek 18:21-28</i> <i>Gospel: Matt 5:20-26</i>

Please pray for: Margo Wood, Kathy Ori, Jenny Bonnette, 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

Brothers and sisters, every year the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus, not to discourage us, but to help us rediscover who we truly are. In today's Gospel, Jesus faces temptation not as a display of power, but as a revelation of His heart. He shows us that the path to holiness is not found in avoiding struggle, but in choosing God in the midst of it.

The devil tempts Jesus with three illusions: *comfort without sacrifice, glory without obedience, and power without God.* These are the same illusions that whisper into our own hearts. Lent invites us to unmask them. When we fast, we learn that not every desire deserves to be fed. When we pray, we remember whose voice truly guides us. When we give alms, we loosen the grip of selfishness and rediscover compassion.

Jesus does not argue with the tempter; He simply stands on the Word of God. That is our invitation this Lent: to let God's Word become the ground beneath our feet. If we stay close to Christ, the desert becomes a place of clarity, strength, and renewal.

May this holy season help us choose God again, freely, intentionally, and with hope, amen.

God bless you.

Bible Study

A parish Bible Study will begin Thursday, February 26. Participants will independently read lessons from the "When You Pray" book (available from Ascension Press for \$15.95). The group will meet every other week from 5– 6 pm in St.

Joseph's Parish Hall for discussion, video presentations, and fellowship.

ALL ARE WELCOME

For more information, contact Alisha Parker at (225) 317-0475

Stations of the Cross

Join us for the Way of the Cross on Fridays of Lent



Diocesan Support Appeal

Dear friends, we have begun our DSA campaign for 2026.

Our goals for this year are:

St. Joseph: \$10,116.19

OLG: \$3,335.87

I want to thank all those who have made contributions and pledges already. You are the reason our parish fulfills her mission.

May our collective effort yield the fruits of eternal salvation.

Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council holds her meeting this coming

Wednesday, March 25th, 2026.

Time is 6:00pm.

Members are encouraged to save the date and time.