

**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)	4:30 pm (English)
11:00 am (English)	6:00 pm (Spanish)

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A
April 26, 2026



"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."
– John 10: 9-10

Parish Offertory 4/19/2026

- **St. Joseph** \$ 2,972.00
- **OLG** \$329.00

Second Collection today is for the Church in need.

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

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 the Church places before us one of the most tender and powerful images of Christ: the Good Shepherd who knows His sheep and lays down His life for them.

In the First Reading, Peter's preaching cuts the people to the heart. They realize their need for a new direction, a new guide, thus, he invites them to turn toward Christ. Peter in the Second Reading, reminds us that we were like sheep going astray, but now we have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. Christ, leads, protects, heals, and restores us.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. They follow Him not out of fear, but because they trust Him. They know He leads them to life. The challenge of the Gospel is simple and direct: Whose voice am I following? This is because there are many voices today, from within and outside of us: voices of fear, anger, division, distraction, and noise. They promise life but leave us empty. To follow Jesus the Good Shepherd means: Listening for His voice in prayer and through our pastors; Trusting Him even when the path is unclear; Allowing Him to lead us away from what harms us; Walking with the confidence that we are known and loved.

The Shepherd does not drive us from behind; He walks ahead of us, calling us by name. He knows our wounds, our worries, our hopes. And He never abandons His flock. Let us ask for the grace to recognize the voice of Christ in our daily lives. May we follow Him with renewed trust, knowing that He alone leads us to abundant life, to peace, and to the joy our hearts long for.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 4/25/26– Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist	4:30 pm (English) 6:00 pm (Spanish)	Mass (OLG): Birthday blessings on Tom Hoffman Mass (OLG): For Our departed Loved ones
Sunday, 4/26/26 at St. Joseph Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: God's blessings on our Parish Family Mass: Thanksgiving to God for Emmanuel Abbah
Monday 4/27/26 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter	12:00 pm	Mass: Peaceful repose of Mr. Cyprian Chinemelu Ezeude
Tuesday, 4/28/26 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter		
Wednesday, 4/29/26 Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena (Virgin)	6:00 pm	Mass: That Fr. Victor may have a refreshing vacation
Thursday, 4/30/26 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter	12:00 pm	Mass: God's healing on Dianne Ellis and Julie Wilmont
Friday, 5/1/26 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter	12:00 pm	Mass: Thanksgiving to God for the progress in recovery of our friend Bill Hadley.



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,
 Fannie Wiggins, Julie Wilmont, Carol Redwine, Bill Jones, Jan Johnston.*



Diocesan Support Appeal	Mark your Calendars	Note
St. Joseph Goal: \$10,116.19 Pledged: \$12,823.00 Pledges Collected: \$6,889.50 OLG: Goal \$3,335.87 Pledged: \$2,750.00 Pledges Collected: \$2,000.00	Our parish will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, the Worker with a potluck Dinner next Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 2pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Signup sheets for potluck dishes are available at St. Joseph or online via Flocknote. Italian themed dishes are appreciated.	Fr. Victor will be on his vacation in the month of May. We have only One Mass (Bilingual) at Our Lady of Guadalupe in the month of May on Saturdays by 5:00pm.