



ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH &

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil at Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:30 pm (English) & 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday at St. Joseph

9:30 am (English) & 11:00 am (English)

Daily Masses at St. Joseph

(Daily Masses are offered in English unless otherwise posted)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:00 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. Joeseeph)

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, August 9, 2026



At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come."

- Matthew 14:27-29

Parish Offertory 8/2/2026

- **St. Joseph \$ 1,544.63**
- **OLG \$ 1,658.00**

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: Jose Jesus

St Joseph's Brothers Chair: John Anspach

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>)

Matthew 14: 22-33

Weary after preaching to and feeding a huge, hungry crowd following an emotional period in His earthly ministry, Jesus finally gets to spend time alone. He packs His disciples off on a boat and heads up the mountain to pray. When He rejoins His friends, they are in the middle of a crisis. Their boat is being tossed around by waves, and they are terrified by the sight of a “ghost” walking towards them on the water.

These are Jesus’ closest friends. They just witnessed him healing the sick and feeding thousands on next to nothing. They know He works miracles. Yet, after only a few hours’ separation, they are panicked and scared. *They let their fear separate them from God.*

At Jesus’ invitation to “Come,” Peter’s attempt to step out in faith failed because *he focused on the circumstances of his crisis and not on the saving power of Jesus.*

Despite this lack of faith the disciples displayed, Jesus didn’t turn His back on them and keep on walking on the water. He stretched out His hand and saved Peter, then calmed the wind and the fears of his fair-weathered friends.

Jesus is here for us, whether we deserve it or not. The only thing that can separate us from God and his infinite love is ourselves and our choices.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 8/8/26 Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest	4:30 pm English 6:00 pm Spanish	Mass (OLG): Mass (OLG): Repose of the soul of Nicolas Castro
Sunday, 8/9/26 at St. Joseph Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For Gary Conkol Mass:
Monday 8/10/26 Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	12:00 pm	Mass:
Tuesday, 8/11/26 Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin	No Mass	
Wednesday, 8/12/26 Wed. of the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:
Thursday, 8/13/26 Thurs. of the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:
Friday, 8/14/26 Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr	12:00 pm	Mass: For Dwayne Sager



Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:
Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Suzy Goldberg, Kenneth Hawes, Doris Kearns, Mary Herr,
Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner, Bill Hadley, Jan Johnston,
Julie Wilmont, Bill Jones, Abby Jones, Harmer & Maggie Weichel, Lynn Graczyk, Ruzica Cuk



Choir Members Needed	Happy Birthday, Father Ime!	Rental Space Needed
ALL ARE WELCOME to join St. Joseph's Choir— amateurs and experts!  Please join us for practice at 9 AM on Sundays and/or 5 PM Fridays at St. Joseph.	 Happy birthday to our resident priest, Fr. Ime. Please join us for cake and coffee after the 11am Mass at St. Joseph's Hall this Sunday	Our Thrift Store needs a new location. If you know of any reasonably priced space to rent in Bryson City please relay that information to Fr. Ime so the thrift store can continue its valuable mission.