

**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

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

May 24, 2026



*"Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."
 - John 20:21-23*

Parish Offertory 5/17/2026

		2nd Collection
St. Joseph	\$2,698.00	\$473.00
OLG	\$510.00	\$153.00

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>)

Beloved in Christ, today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the day the Church was born, the day the Holy Spirit moved from being a promise to becoming a living fire within us.

The Gospel tells us that the risen Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." That breath is not a poetic detail, it is the same divine breath that hovered over the waters at creation, the same breath that gave life to Adam, the same breath that raised Jesus from the dead. At Pentecost, that breath becomes a wind that shakes the house and a fire that sets hearts ablaze.

This is God's way of saying: "I am not only with you; I am within you." Pentecost is not merely an event to remember; it is a reality to live. The Spirit does not descend to make the disciples comfortable. He comes to make them courageous. He does not come to decorate the Church; He comes to ignite it. Notice something beautiful: The Spirit descends as tongues of fire. Why tongues? Because the first mission of the Church is to speak, to proclaim Christ in every language, culture, and heart. The Spirit does not erase differences; He transforms them into instruments of communion. What was divided at Babel is united at Pentecost.

And what about us? We often imagine Pentecost as something that happened long ago, but the truth is: Every sacrament, every prayer, every act of charity is a new Pentecost. The Spirit still gives gifts of wisdom for parents, courage for the suffering, patience for the overwhelmed, zeal for the discouraged, and holiness for all who desire God.

But the Spirit also sends us out. A Church that stays indoors is not the Church of Pentecost. A Christian who hides their faith is not living the fire they received. The Spirit pushes us outward; to forgive, to reconcile, to speak truth, to defend the vulnerable, to love boldly. So today, let us ask for one thing: not a small flame, but a consuming fire. A fire that burns away fear. A fire that rekindles joy. A fire that makes us witnesses of Christ in Bryson City, in Cherokee, in our families, in our parish, and in the world, amen.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 5/23/26– Pentecost Sunday, Year A	5:00 pm Bilingual	Mass (OLG): Healing for Miles Meyer
Sunday, 5/24/26 at St. Joseph Pentecost Sunday, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: Parish Family Mass: The 10 candidates to be ordained priests soon.
Monday 5/25/26 Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church	12:00 pm	Mass: All men and women who have died in service to our nation, for the forgiveness of their sins and peace.
Tuesday, 5/26/26 Memorial of Saint Philip Neir, Priest	No Mass	
Wednesday, 5/27/26 Wed. of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: Healing for those on our parish prayer list and for the sick amongst us.
Thursday, 5/28/26 Thursday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: Increase in faith among young people.
Friday, 5/29/26 Friday of the Eighth Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: The respect for human dignity everywhere in the world.



Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:
*Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Suzy Goldberg, Kenneth Hewes,
 Doris Kearns, Mary Herr, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner, Bill Hadley,
 Charlotte Rowe, Julie Wilmont, Carol Redwine, Bill Jones, Abby Jones, Jan Johnston.*



Do You Know?
 There are four dogmas regarding Holy Mary's personal relationship with God and her role in human salvation that Catholic Christians are bound to believe? These are:
 Mary is the Mother of God
 Mary is perpetually a virgin
 Mary's immaculate conception
 Mary's assumption to heaven

Note: Visiting Pastor
 Our Lady of Guadalupe will have just one bilingual Mass on Saturdays at 5:00pm during the month of May
 We welcome Fr. Donald Eruaga, MSP
 Who will be celebrating Masses for us and is spending two weeks with us.
 He is coming from Houston, TX

Priestly Ordination
 Bishop Michael T. Martin will be ordaining Ten (10) men into the Catholic Priesthood for the Diocese of Charlotte this Saturday, May 30th.
 @ St. Mark's Huntersville, Charlotte
 Time: 9:00 a.m.