

**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 (Bi-lingual)
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**

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A
May 10, 2026



*“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate to be with you always”*

John 14: 15-16

Parish Offertory 5/3/2026

- **St. Joseph \$1,495.00**
- **OLG \$1,251.00**

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: 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, as we move toward the Ascension and Pentecost, today's readings points toward the Advocate, the gift of Jesus to believers. In the First Reading, the early Church knows that faith is not just belief but life in the Spirit. Thus, the Samaritans were open to the Holy Spirit and the gifts He brings. Peter in the Second Reading urges the community to give reason for their hope with gentleness and reverence. Nevertheless, this kind of witness is only possible when the Spirit strengthens us from within. The Advocate is the one who empowers ordinary believers to live extraordinary hope.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the Advocate, the *Paraklētos*. This word is rich and layered. It means: Advocate (one who stands beside you, defending and guiding), Comforter (one who consoles and strengthens), Counselor (one who teaches and reminds) Helper (one who empowers you to do what you cannot do alone). Jesus says the Father will send *another* Advocate; meaning Jesus Himself is the first. The Spirit continues the very presence and mission of Christ in us and the Church. Jesus says, "You know Him, because He remains with you and will be in you." This is astonishing. The Spirit is not merely near us, He is within us, shaping our thoughts, desires, courage, and holiness.

Jesus knows the disciples fear being left alone, and He knows our individual fears as well: fear of the future, fear of weakness, fear of failure, fear of being abandoned. Thus, He says "I will not leave you orphans." As we approach Pentecost, let us open our hearts to the Advocate.

Let us ask for a fresh outpouring of the Spirit; the Spirit who teaches, strengthens, consoles, and leads us into all truth. May we live each day with the confidence that Christ has not left us orphans. Amen.

God bless you

Next Week: We shall have a Second Collection to support the upgrade of our Communication Systems at the Parish, please we are counting on your generosity.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 5/9/26– Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A	5:00 pm Bilingual	Mass (OLG): The peaceful repose of +Emmanuel Akpan
Sunday, 5/10/26 at St. Joseph Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: God's continuous on Our Parish Family Mass: Emmanuela Ameh as she mark's her birthday
No Week Day Masses This Week		



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



Bible Study Group

Why not consider joining our Parish Bible Study Group?
 Hurry, do not hesitate!!!
 It was St. Jerome who said:
 Ignorance of the Word of God is
 Ignorance of God Himself.
 Contact: Alisha Parker at
 (225) 317-0475

Note: Visiting Pastor

Fr. Victor is on vacation.
Our Lady of Guadalupe will have just one bilingual Mass on Saturdays at 5:00pm during the month of May

We welcome Fr. Augustine Ogar, from Morphy, who will be celebrating Masses with us this Weekend.

Flock Note

Keep up to date on parish affairs.
 You can opt into electronic communications by texting:
JOSEPHANDMARY to 84576

or go online to:
StJosephRomanCatholicCh2.flocknote.com/everyone