

**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)**

***Third Sunday of Lent, Year A***  
***March 8, 2026***



“...but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:14

**Holy week Program**

**Holy Thursday (April 2): Mass of the Last Supper at OLG**  
**Time: 5:00pm**

**Good Friday (April 3): Stations of the Cross at OLG**  
**Time: 12:00pm (English); 3:00pm (Spanish)**

**Good Friday (April 3): Eucharistic Service (Passion Narrative and Veneration of the Holy Cross) at St. Joseph**  
**Time: 5:00pm**

**Holy Saturday (April 4): Morning Prayers at St. Joseph**  
**Time: 10:00am**

**Easter Vigil – Saturday Night (April 4): Mass at St. Joseph**  
**Time: 8:30pm**

**Easter Sunday (April 5)**  
**Mass at OLG: 8:30am (Bilingual)**  
**Mass at St. Joseph: 10:00am (English)**

**Parish Offertory 3/1/2026**

- St. Joseph \$ 1,200 Flowers \$403
- OLG \$527 Flowers \$256

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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.*

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| Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee<br>3/7/26 – Third Sunday of Lent, Year A | 4:30 pm<br>6:00 pm  | Mass (OLG):<br>Mass (OLG):                         | Re 1: Exodus 17:3-7<br>Re 2: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8<br>Gospel: John 4:5-42               |
| Sunday, 3/8/26 at St. Joseph  | 9:30 am<br>11:00 am | Mass: Parish Family<br>Mass: Ken Paulus and family |  |
| Monday 3/9/26<br>Third Week of Lent                                       | 12:00 pm            | Mass: +Celestino Roman                             | Re 1: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab<br>Gospel: Luke 4:24-30                                      |
| Tuesday, 3/10/26<br>Third Week of Lent                                    | 12:00 pm            | Mass:  | Re 1: Daniel 3:25, 34-43<br>Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35                                |
| Wednesday, 3/11/26<br>Third Week of Lent                                  | 12:00 pm            | Mass:  | Re 1: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9<br>Gospel: Matthew 5:17-19                               |
| Thursday, 3/12/26<br>Third Week of Lent                                   | 12:00 pm            | Mass:  | Re 1: Jeremiah 7:23-28<br>Gospel: Luke 11:14-23                                     |
| Friday, 3/13/26<br>Third Week of Lent                                     | 5:45 pm             | Mass:  | Re 1: Hosea 14:2-10<br>Gospel: Mark 12:28-34  |



*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

Dear friends, today's readings revolve around one simple, aching human truth: we are thirsty. Not just physically, but spiritually; thirsty for meaning, life, peace, love, mercy.

In the First Reading, the people of Israel cry out in the desert, "Is the Lord in our midst or not?" Their thirst exposes their fear and their doubt. Yet God responds not with anger, but with water from the rock. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, notes that *"The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit."* God meets our thirst with overflowing grace.

In the Gospel, Jesus sits at a well at noon, the hour when no one goes out, waiting for a woman who has been avoiding everyone. She carries not just a water jar, but years of shame, disappointment, and broken relationships. Yet Jesus does not condemn her. He begins with a simple request: *"Give me a drink."* In that moment, He reveals a God who thirsts for us; who desires our hearts even when we feel unworthy. Jesus gently uncovers her wounds, not to embarrass her, but to heal her. And then He offers her something she never imagined: living water, a spring of life that can reach the deepest places of her soul.

Interestingly, after her encounter with Jesus, the woman who once avoided everyone becomes the one who runs back to town proclaiming, "Come and see!" Her shame becomes her testimony. **God Bless You**

### Bible Study

There is still time to join the parish Bible Study. The group meets every other Thursday evening from 5–6 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall for discussion, video presentations, and fellowship.

Next meeting is 3/12/26  
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



### Lenten Confessions

Dear Friends, this coming weekend, we shall be having a priest come to celebrate the sacrament of penance for us.

@ OLG: March 14, 2026

Time: 3:45pm – 4:30pm (English)  
5:30pm – 6:30pm (Spanish)

@ St. Joseph: March 15, 2026

Time: 7:30am – 9:30am

### Diocesan Support Appeal

St. Joseph: Goal \$10,116.19

**Total Collected: \$5,486.25**

OLG: Goal \$3,335.87

**Total Collected: \$1500.00**