

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. Joeseph)

- **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:
Hispanic Ministry Leader: Jose Jesus
St Joseph's Brothers Chair: John Anspach
Parish Life Chair: Naomi Lowman
Respect Life Coordinator: Nancy Thomason
Music Ministry Chair: Carol Tucker

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, October 25, 2026



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." - Matthew 22:36-40

Parish Offertory 10/18/2026

- St. Joseph $ 2,092.06
- OLG $ 731.10

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 22:34-40

Here we are again. Jewish leaders scheme to trap Jesus with a seemingly impossible question to answer – and once again, Jesus rises to the occasion with a non-incriminating response. In fact, Jesus' answer was so profound it even impressed the Torah scholar who asked it (Mark 12:32).

The question posed by the Pharisees' scholar was this: "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest."

This wasn't a one-out-of-ten choice for the top commandment. The Torah contained 611 teachings to which faithful Jews adhered. Yet, Jesus was able to boil down all these teachings into two important principles:

1. Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. (Deuteronomy 6:5); and
2. Love your neighbor as yourself.

The ultimate commandment to love God with your whole being was very familiar to devout Jews. It was called the Shema and was recited several times a day and even enclosed in the Tefillin (small black prayer boxes containing four handwritten Torah passages worn on the arms and foreheads of Jewish men during weekday morning prayers).

But the second most important commandment Jesus proclaimed went right to the heart of all the other teachings. To love your neighbor as yourself requires us to love others as God loves us. To show compassion, generosity, and grace; and practice forgiveness, patience, and selflessness.

If we love God above all and love others as ourselves, then it goes without saying we will not commit murder, bear false witness, covet our neighbor's goods, etc., etc.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 10/24/26	**4:30 pm** *English* **6:00 pm** *Spanish*	Mass (OLG): For the Sick and Homebound Mass (OLG): For our Parish Youth
Sunday, 10/25/26 at St. Joseph Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	Mass: For Father Victor's expedited work visa Mass: For the Missionaries of St. Paul
Monday 10/26/26 Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Tuesday, 10/27/26 Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, 10/28/26 Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Thursday, 10/29/26 Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Friday, 10/30/26 Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:



Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Jenny Bonnette, Gary Conkol, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Suzy Goldberg, 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, Ginny Redwine



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes will begin
Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6 pm
at St. Joseph for youth preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Children must be 7 or older before March 15, 2027, to participate in the communion class.

Many thanks to Glenda Jarrett and Nancy Thomason for volunteering to lead our youth in these vital faith formation classes.

Directory Update

The parish directories have been delayed due to an equipment breakdown at the print shop and the (un)availability of a repair person. We have been assured the part has been ordered to fix the problem and we may get them within the next week. Directories will be distributed at Masses as soon as they are available.

Parish Pastoral Planning

The diocese requires that we submit a Parish Pastoral Plan every six years. Our plan is due in January 2027.

The first step requires a survey of parishioners on nine specific topics. This survey will be distributed at Masses on November 7-8, 2026, and will be sent out electronically through Flocknote.

Please support our parish with your timely response to the survey. It is very important to the future of our churches.