

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, November 1, 2026



"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."
- Matthew 5:3

Parish Offertory 10/25/2026

- St. Joseph $ 1,660.72
- OLG $ 1,319.00

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)

Matthew 5:1-12a

The Beatitudes are as familiar to us as they are perplexing. It seems counter-intuitive that the poor, mournful, meek, hungry, and suffering are blessed. When we think of "blessed," we tend to imagine people who are living their best lives. But maybe that's because we are looking at their earthly lives and not their spiritual lives. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus extolled the inner virtues of the blessed. The word He used in Aramaic was *tubwayhon*, which translates to flourishing, happy, or deeply aligned and alive.

It also seems confusing that the "poor in spirit" will be awarded the kingdom of heaven. It would tend to reason that those who are "rich in spirit" would achieve this reward. But if you delve into the Aramaic meaning of "poor" in this context, it opens this passage to understanding. The word Jesus used was *anya*, which translates to bent down, miserable, or humble. Less about a lack of wealth and more about a condition of the soul. Scholars interpret "poor in spirit" as meaning those who are conscious of their dependence on God and who rely on the Lord to supply their needs, as opposed to those who are self-reliant and believe they don't need God.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." In Catholic theology, the Kingdom of Heaven refers both to a current spiritual reality and a future eternal reward. Given this perspective, it stands to reason that those who rely on God can experience both heaven on earth and the promise of an eternity in God's kingdom.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 10/31/26	**4:30 pm** *English* **6:00 pm** *Spanish*	Mass (OLG): Mass (OLG):
Sunday, 11/1/26 at St. Joseph Solemnity of All Saints	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	Mass: For Nancy O'Shaughnessy Rutter, RIP Mass:
Monday 11/2/26 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	**12:00 pm** **6:00 pm OLG**	Mass: For Buskey Mass: For the intentions of the Hurley family
Tuesday, 11/3/26 Tuesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, 11/4/26 Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Thursday, 11/5/26 Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Friday, 11/6/26 Friday of the Thirty-First 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, Ruzica Cuk, Ginny Redwine



Prayers for Deceased

Throughout the month of November, we will be praying for our deceased loved ones. Please place the names of the souls you wish remembered in the book provided in the church.
Specific Mass intentions can be requested by dropping an envelope in the collection with the requested date and name, along with $15 per intention.

Baby Bottles

Please return the Respect Life baby bottles in the next two weeks (by November 15, 2026).

If you did not pick up a baby bottle, you still have an opportunity to give. Please place your donation in the large baby bottle at the back of the church.
Thank you!

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 also sent through Flocknote.