

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, November 8, 2026



" 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!'
But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'
Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

- Matthew 25:11-13

Parish Offertory 11/1/2026

➢	St. Joseph	$ 1,636.96
➢	OLG	$ 653.00

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 25:1-13

In Matthew chapter 24, which precedes this week's Gospel reading, Jesus instructed His disciples about His second coming. "*Many false prophets will arise and deceive many; and because of the increase of evildoing, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved."* [Matthew 24: 11-13]

Bible scholars refer to these passages as "eschatological," because they discuss the coming of a new age, or the eschaton, as derived from the Greek word *eschatos*, meaning last.

Jesus repeated several times that only the Father knows when He will send His Son back for us. No one else knows the hour or the day – not even Jesus or the angels. But Jesus warned over and over that we must remain on guard and be prepared for His return – when we least expect it. This original message was delivered over 2,000 years ago and yet it is still as pertinent today as it was then.

In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus demonstrated to His disciples what would happen to those who did not prepare for the bridegroom's (Christ's) arrival. The virgins in the parable could be compared to modern-day bridesmaids. Presumably, they were chosen to greet the bridegroom upon his arrival. Yet even though it was an honor to be selected, only half of them dutifully prepared for this privilege. When the bridegroom came, only those who were ready were taken into the wedding feast. When the ill-prepared arrived later, they were turned away with the admonition "*I do not know you*."

In his general audience address on April 24, 2013, Pope Francis commented on this parable. "The Bridegroom is the Lord, and the time of waiting for his arrival is the time he gives to us, to all of us, before his Final Coming with mercy and patience; it is a time of watchfulness; a time in which we must keep alight the lamps of faith, hope and charity, a time in which to keep our heart open to goodness, beauty and truth. It is a time to live in accordance with God, because we do not know either the day or the hour of Christ's return."

But this we do know: **The one who perseveres to the end will be saved.** Hallelujah!

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 11/7/26	**4:30 pm** *English* **6:00 pm** *Spanish*	Mass (OLG): Mass (OLG):
Sunday, 11/8/26 at St. Joseph Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	Mass: For Emmanuel Abuh, RIP Mass:
Monday 11/9/26 Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome	**12:00 pm**	Mass: Mass:
Tuesday, 11/10/26 Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, 11/11/26 Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Thursday, 11/12/26 Memorial of Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Friday, 11/13/26 Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	**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



Upcoming Meetings

St. Joseph's Brothers will meet on Wednesday, November 18 at 12:30 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

The Finance Council will meet on Wednesday, November 18 **at 2:00 pm** in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Baby Bottles

Please return the Respect Life baby bottles 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.

We need parishioner feedback to develop a comprehensive plan for our parish. **Please make your voice heard by completing the parish survey and returning it no later than November 22.**