

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, November 15, 2026



"For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

- Matthew 25:29

Parish Offertory 11/8/2026

- St. Joseph $ 1,406.46
- OLG $ 335.55

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 25:14-30

In this week's Gospel, Matthew recounts the parable Jesus told His disciples about the master who, in preparation for a journey, entrusted his wealth to his servants. He doled a tidy sum to three people, in accordance with their individual abilities. To the first he gave five talents, the second two talents, and the third one talent.

In biblical times, a talent was a measure of weight equivalent to around 75 pounds of precious metal. The monetary worth of a talent was approximately 6,000 denarii – or roughly 20 years of wages for a common laborer. Not an insignificant amount of trust the master placed in his servants!

At the end of his long journey, the master returned and met with his servants to go over the books. Upon learning that the first two servants had doubled the investments they were entrusted with, the master was very pleased and told each, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."

But the third servant didn't fare so well. Instead of using the talent he was given to produce more, he buried it out of fear. The master was not pleased when the servant showed up with just the single talent he was entrusted with and chastised this "wicked, lazy" servant for failing to produce a return on his investment. He stripped the useless servant of his talent and gave it to the one with the most talents. Then, the servant was tossed into the darkness to experience wailing and grinding of teeth.

It's easy to assume that God is the Master in this parable, and we are the servants. God is pleased when we use the talents we are given to produce a return on His investment in us. No matter what our abilities, God appreciates us equally when we act in faith in Him.

But when we hide our talents or disregard them out of fear, we risk losing an eternity with God and being thrown into the darkness where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 11/14/26	**4:30 pm** *English* **6:00 pm** *Spanish*	Mass (OLG): Mass (OLG):
Sunday, 11/15/26 at St. Joseph Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	Mass: Mass:
Monday 11/16/26 Monday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass: Mass:
Tuesday, 11/17/26 Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, 11/18/26 Wed of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Thursday, 11/19/26 Thurs of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Friday, 11/20/26 Friday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass: Teresa Macko



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.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will meet on Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6 pm in the basement of St. Joseph's.

All children preparing for their First Holy Communion or Confirmation are welcome to attend.

Parish Pastoral Planning Survey

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.**

Your opinion is valued and your participation is vital to the future of our parish. Please complete the survey ASAP.