



**ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
&
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission**
Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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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 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. Joseph)

- **Sundays** 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm for kids ages 5 to 17
- **Thursdays** 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm for adults

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, June 21, 2026***



*"Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your
Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are
counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
many sparrows."*
Matthew 10:29-31

Parish Offertory 6/14/2026

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| ➤ St. Joseph | \$2,274.96 |
| ➤ OLG | \$357.00 |

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May the good Lord bless you as you think of us



***Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal
Himself to us as Our Father. We love you all, and thank
you for all you are and continue to be to us.***

Pastor's Ink

(For Sunday and Weekday Readings visit: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-readings>)

The readings this Sunday draw us into the heart of Christian discipleship: courage rooted in God's intimate love. In the first reading, Jeremiah is surrounded by threats and betrayal. Yet he proclaims, *"The Lord is with me like a mighty champion."* Jeremiah teaches us that courage is not the absence of fear, but the decision to trust God even when fear is loud. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us that through Christ, grace overflows. Sin and death do not have the final word; thus, our courage is grounded not in our strength, but in the victory Christ has already won.

Jesus tells His disciples in today's gospel three times: "Do not be afraid." Why? Because the Father who counts every hair on our heads also holds our lives in His hands. Jesus is not romanticizing discipleship. He acknowledges real dangers, persecution, misunderstanding, rejection. But He also reveals a deeper truth that 'We are infinitely precious to the Father'. If God's eye is on the sparrow, how much more on His children. Therefore, we are encouraged to trust in divine providence, and to be conscious of the fact that our worth is not measured by the world's acceptance but by the Father's love revealed in Christ. When this is well understood, peace overwhelms fear, in the sense that fear is not eliminated but redeemed; it becomes an opportunity to trust God more deeply.

Like the disciples, we too have our fears: fear of the future, fear of failure, fear of being faithful in a culture that often opposes the Gospel. Jesus speaks directly to these anxieties: "Do not be afraid." Our courage flows from knowing: God sees us, God knows us, God accompanies us, and God values us beyond measure.

God bless You.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 6/20/26 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	4:30 pm <i>English</i> 6:00 pm <i>Spanish</i>	Mass (OLG): Parish Family Mass (OLG):
Sunday, 6/21/26 at St. Joseph	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For peace and healing for Raymond Jones Mass: For Doris and her family's intention
Monday 6/22/26 Mon. of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Bradley and Paula Shafer's intention
Tuesday, 6/23/26 Tues. of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday, 6/24/26 Solemnity - Nativity of St. John the Baptist	6:00 pm	Mass: For Gloria and Jim's family's intention
Thursday, 6/25/26 Thurs. of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Bradley and Paula Shafer's intention
Friday, 6/26/26 Fri. of the Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Bradley and Paula Shafer's intention

Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Suzy Goldberg, Kenneth Hewes, Doris Kearns, Mary Herr, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner, Bill Hadley, Jan Johnston, Charlotte Rowe, Julie Wilmont, Bill Jones, Abby Jones, Hommer & Maggie.



Appreciation Dinner

If you volunteer in any capacity at the Parish and Mission, Fr. Victor will be hosting an appreciation dinner in your honor next week Tuesday (June 30th) at St. Joseph's parish hall in Bryson City. Time is 3:00pm. Please come and receive your flowers.

Parish Pastoral Planning soon

Please mark your Calendar, Mr. Bryan Somerville is coming to our Parish and Mission from the diocese to begin what is known as Parish Pastoral Planning. This is simply to plan for the future of our parish and mission, if you can as a parishioner, please join us for this important meeting coming up next week Tuesday (June 30th), time is 1:00pm, at St Joseph's parish hall.

-Parish Council Meeting is Tomorrow, Monday 6/15 by 1:00pm at St. Joseph.
-First Communion is next Sunday 6/28 at 11am Mass.
Please keep the candidates in your prayers.