



**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)

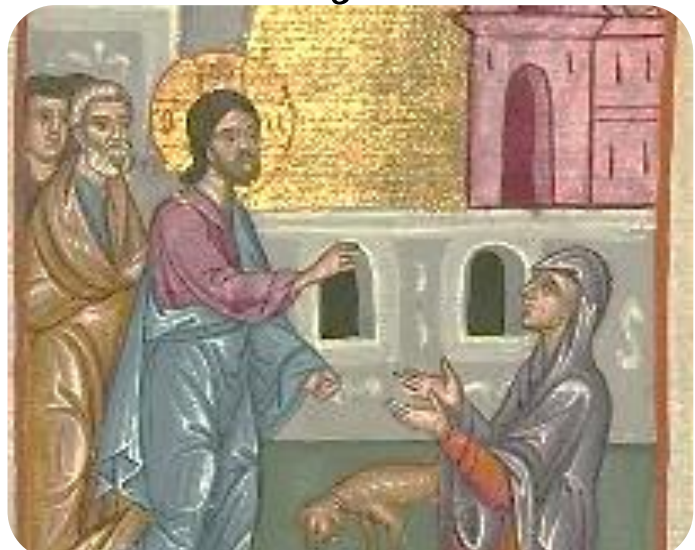
Friday: 11:15 AM - 11:50 AM (St. Joseph)

& by request or appointment.

Religious Education/Catechesis (All at St. Joeseeph)

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

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, August 16, 2026*



"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour." - Matthew 15:27-28

Parish Offertory 8/9/2026

- **St. Joseph \$ 2,352.71**
- **OLG \$ 483.00**

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: Sussette Webster

Hispanic Ministry Leader: Jose Jesus

St Joseph's Brothers Chair: John Anspach

Parish Life Chair: Naomi Loman

Respect Life Coordinator: Nancy Thomason

Music Ministry Chair: Carol Tucker

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>)

This week's readings are a trifecta of good news for us Gentiles, for they confirm that God extends his mercy beyond His Chosen People to all of mankind.

Initially, it seemed the promise of God's salvation was reserved solely for the Jewish race. Even Jesus acknowledged that he was "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." [Matthew 15:24]

Canaanites were not only Gentiles, but also hostile to the Jews, so it is easy to understand why the disciples were eager for Jesus to send away the Canaanite women who pled with Him to heal her daughter. Even Jesus seemed abrupt with the woman, comparing her to a dog taking food from a child. Yet, when Jesus saw her faith made her content with just the scraps that fell from the table of the master, He showed her His mercy and vanquished the demon that plagued her daughter.

The prophet Isaiah foretold of this welcome of "foreigners" into God's kingdom, where the Lord's house would be "called a house of prayer for all peoples." [Isaiah 56:7] Paul even suggested that it was necessary for Jews to disobey God in order for God to extend His mercy to all. [Romans 11:30-32]

Whatever the reason, we are blessed that God's grace now extends to all His faithful.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 8/15/26 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Vigil	4:30 pm English 6:00 pm Spanish	Mass (OLG): For Our Parish Youth Mass (OLG): For the soul of Jesus Luna Gonzales on the 3 rd anniversary of his death
Sunday, 8/16/26 at St. Joseph Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For Our Parish Families Mass: For Peace in War-Torn Countries
Monday 8/17/26 Monday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Students, Teachers, and Educators
Tuesday, 8/18/26 Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday, 8/19/26 Wed. of the Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For the Sick and Homebound
Thursday, 8/20/26 Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church	12:00 pm	Mass: For the Missionary Society of St. Paul
Friday, 8/21/26 Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope	12:00 pm	Mass:



Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:

Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Suzy Goldberg, Kenneth Hawes, 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



Men's Club Meeting	Financial Presentations	Rental Space Needed
St. Joseph's Men's Group meets this Wednesday, August 19 following the noon Mass. All men of the parish are welcome to attend and encouraged to join this group.	Representatives of the Parish Finance Council will present the 2026-27 fiscal year budget and FY25-26 final figures to parishioners at each of the masses next weekend (August 22 at Our Lady of Guadalupe and August 23 at St. Joseph).	Our Thrift Store needs a new location. If you know of any reasonably priced space to rent in Bryson City, please relay the information to Fr. Ime so our thrift store can continue its valuable mission.