



**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**

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

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, August 23, 2026*



*“And so I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail
against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom
of heaven.” - Matthew 16:18-19*

Parish Offertory 8/16/2026

- **St. Joseph \$2,131.96**
- **OLG \$ 600.00**

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 16:13-20

This week's Gospel reading is very familiar to most Catholics, as it tells the story of Jesus christening Simon as Peter and designating him as the "rock" onto which Peter was to build His church.

Jesus bestowed this honor on Simon/Peter based on Simon's answer to the question "Who do you say that I am?" But first, Jesus posed the question, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

Obviously, Jesus was generating a lot of curiosity on the street. The other disciples responded with things they had heard: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

Interestingly, people were more likely to believe that Jesus was the reincarnation of a deceased prophet rather than their long-awaited Messiah.

But Simon correctly answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus acknowledged that Simon's declaration was not inspired by human interpretation, but by divine revelation. God the Father gave Simon the insight to see that Jesus was the Messiah. That knowledge remains the rock solid foundation on which our church stands, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against us.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 8/22/26	4:30 pm <i>English</i> 6:00 pm <i>Spanish</i>	Mass (OLG): For the Church in Nigeria Mass (OLG): For the Sick & Elderly
Sunday, 8/23/26 at St. Joseph Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For Father Victor Mass: For Our Parish Family
Monday 8/24/26 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle	12:00 pm	Mass: For Lay Ministers
Tuesday, 8/25/26 Tues. of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday, 8/26/26 Wed. of the Twenty-First Week of Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Seminarians around the World
Thursday, 8/27/26 Memorial of Saint Monica	12:00 pm	Mass: For an Increase in Vocations
Friday, 8/28/26 Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	12:00 pm	Mass: For Our Church Leaders



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, Lynn Graczyk, Ruzica Cuk



Spiritual Direction	Financial Presentations	Rental Space Needed
Father Ime welcomes the opportunity to meet with parishioners one-on-one for pastoral counseling and spiritual direction. To schedule time to meet with him individually, text him at 409-223-8672.	\$\$\$\$\$ 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 this 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.