

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: OPEN
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

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, October 18, 2026



"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."
~ Matthew 22:18-21

Parish Offertory 10/11/2026

St. Joseph	$ 4,323.99
OLG	$ 314.00

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 22:15-21

"The enemy of my enemy is my friend" adage applies to this week's Gospel reading, where Matthew details the time the Pharisees and the Herodians worked together to entrap Jesus.

These two groups were diametrically opposed on the question of paying taxes to the Romans. The Pharisees were against the practice and the Herodians were for it. But they were of one mind when it came to eliminating their common threat: Jesus.

They approached Jesus with flattery as they sought to lure Him into incriminating himself with His answer to their question: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Jesus immediately recognized their hypocrisy and outmaneuvered them by asking to see the coin they used to pay the tax. Acknowledging that the coin bore Caesar's image, the charlatans played into Jesus' hand as He answered, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus' reply teaches us that we are dual citizens. By our birth (or residency), we are subject to government laws. By our baptism, we belong to the kingdom of God and are subject to higher laws.

Just like the coin bore Caesar's image, we bear the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). We are called to obey the laws of the land in which we live, but our highest duty is to the Lord our God.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 10/17/26	**4:30 pm** *English* **6:00 pm** *Spanish*	Mass (OLG): For Our Parish Family Mass (OLG): For Pope Leo's healing
Sunday, 10/18/26 at St. Joseph Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	**9:30 am** **11:00 am**	Mass: For Our Parish Family Mass: For Pope Leo's healing
Monday 10/19/26 Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs	**12:00 pm**	Mass: For John Hurley, RIP
Tuesday, 10/20/26 Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	**No Mass**	
Wednesday, 10/21/26 Wed. of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass: For Gary Conkol's healing
Thursday, 10/22/26 Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass:
Friday, 10/23/26 Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time	**12:00 pm**	Mass: For Kathy Kegley, RIP



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, Ginny Redwine



Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes will begin **Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6 pm** at St. Joseph for youth preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Children must be 7 or older before March 15, 2027, to participate in the communion class.

Many thanks to Glenda Jarrett and Nancy Thomason for volunteering to lead our youth in these vital faith formation classes.

Meetings

- St. Joseph's Brothers (Men's Group) will meet on Wednesday October 21 at noon. All men of the parish are invited for fellowship, service and strengthening our faith.

- The Bible Study Group will meet on Thursday evening, October 22 at 6 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Please note this is a schedule change and aligns future meeting dates to avoid Thanksgiving and Christmas. It is not too late to join! We are following Father Mike's Bible in a Year study plan.

Budget Performance

YTD offertory and donations budget performance for first fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2026:

OLG:	Budget:	$11,425
	Actual:	$10,615
	Shortfall:	**$(810)**
St. Joseph:	Budget:	$36,645
	Actual:	$25,958
	Shortfall:	**$(10,687)**