



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. Joseph)

- **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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year A, August 30, 2026*



"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'" - Matthew 16:25-26

Parish Offertory 8/23/2026

- **St. Joseph \$ 1,604.34**
- **OLG \$ 410.00**

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 16:21-27

Simon Peter had quite a week. In last week's Gospel, he was at the top of his game. Jesus had just singled him out among the Apostles and crowned him Peter – the Rock – the foundation of the Messianic church. This week's Gospel tells quite a different story -- Jesus harshly rebukes Peter and calls him "Satan" and an "obstacle."

In all fairness to Peter, he was looking out for his friend. Jesus had just announced He was going to Jerusalem to face a certain death. Peter believed Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah. It was inconceivable to think God would allow His only Son to be put to death.

Even though Jesus explained that He would rise in three days, Peter knew God could prevent Jesus' death. Jesus knew it too, but He also understood His assignment. He knew He had to deny His human will to live, take up His cross, and accept His death as the ultimate divine sacrifice for humanity.

Jesus used His outburst against Peter as a teaching moment, admonishing the disciples to take up their crosses and follow Him. "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 8/29/26	4:30 pm <i>English</i> 6:00 pm <i>Spanish</i>	Mass (OLG): For our parish sick and homebound Mass (OLG): For the flood victims in Nepal
Sunday, 8/30/26 at St. Joseph Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For Lynn Graczyk's health Mass: For our Parish Family
Monday 8/31/26 Monday of the Twenty Second Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:
Tuesday, 9/1/26 Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday, 9/2/26 Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:
Thursday, 9/3/26 Memorial of St. Gregory the Great, Pope	12:00 pm	Mass:
Friday, 9/4/26 Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:

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



Announcements

If you have any announcements, meeting information or items of interest to parishioners, please send the details to wingard.kelly@gmail.com for inclusion in the bulletin.
Thanks in advance!

Catholic Committee of Appalachia Registration Info

September 15, 2026 is the deadline for registering for the Catholic Committee of Appalachia's Annual Gathering September 25-27, 2026 at the Blue Ridge YMCA Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. The theme is "Signs of the Times in Today's Appalachia" and all are welcome. There will be speakers on Food Insecurity, Immigration, Conversations in the Spirit and Pope Leo's exhortation *Delexi Te* on Care of the Poor. Sunday Mass will be concelebrated by our Bishop Michael Martin and Bishop John Stowe, Diocese of Lexington, KY. To register online, go to www.ccappal.org. For more info, contact Mary Herr at 828-497-9498 or maryherr2017@gmail.com.