



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: 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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

Time, October 4, 2026



Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?"

*Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.
~ Matthew 21: 42-43*

Parish Offertory 9/27/2026

➤ **St. Joseph \$ 1,219.72**

➤ **OLG \$ 686.65**

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 21:33-43

In this week's Gospel, Jesus continues to poke the bear (i.e., the chief priests and elders). Although He spoke to them in parable about the wicked tenants, Jesus knew that these Jewish leaders would immediately recognize this story was a condemnation of them.

As scriptural scholars, the chief priests and elders knew Israel often was depicted as a vineyard. It would have been easy for them to decipher that the messengers the tenants mistreated and killed were the prophets, and that they, the Jewish leaders, were the ones who were plotting to kill the one who claimed to be the Son of God. In fact, Jesus prophesied His own death to them in this parable – and told them they would suffer the judgement of God for their injustices to the Father's Son.

But where Jesus really got under their skin, was when He asked the chief priests and elders if they knew the Scripture: "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." This was directly from Psalm 118:22 and they should have known it well.

This parable serves as a condemnation of unbelievers and a promise to us. If we serve God faithfully by yielding Him fruit (living an obedient life of faith, hope, and charity) our reward will be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee 10/3/26	4:30 pm <i>English</i> 6:00 pm <i>Spanish</i>	Mass (OLG): For the Sick and Homebound Mass (OLG): For Our Parish Family
Sunday, 10/4/26 at St. Joseph Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A	9:30 am 11:00 am	Mass: For Lynn Graczyk's birthday Mass: For Lynn Graczyk's birthday
Monday 10/5/26 Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Alberto Costa, RIP
Tuesday, 10/6/26 Tuesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Wednesday, 10/7/26 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	12:00 pm	Mass:
Thursday, 10/8/26 Thursday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass:
Friday, 10/9/26 Friday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time	12:00 pm	Mass: For Walter Macko, 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



Tax-Free Giving: Qualified Charitable Distributions

Would you like to save on income taxes (without going "long form") **and** make a financial contribution to your parish?

The tax code allows you to **avoid income tax** on traditional IRA withdrawals when you make a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** by year end. You must be 70 ½ years old or older when you take the distribution and it must go directly from your IRA account to the church. This contribution satisfies the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules, **allowing you to donate without raising your income.**

Don't render unto Caesar unnecessarily! Consult your financial advisor for details about how to take advantage of this win-win situation.

Budget Shortfalls

Our offertory numbers are falling short of the amounts needed to meet our annual budget. Please prayerfully consider your support of our parish.

	<u>St. Joseph</u>	<u>OLG</u>
Budget:	\$24,457	\$7,617
Actual:	\$16,887	\$7,085
Shortfall:	\$(7,570)	\$(532)