



**ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
&  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission  
Catholic Diocese of Charlotte**

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**Mass Times**

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| <b>Sunday at St. Joseph</b> | <b>Vigil at OLG (Saturday)</b> |
| 9:30 am (English)           | 4:30 pm (English)              |
| 11:00 am (English)          | 6:00 pm (Spanish)              |

**Daily Masses at St. Joseph**

*(Daily Masses are offered in English unless otherwise posted)*

**Monday, Thursday, & Friday: 12:00 pm**  
**Wednesday: 6:00 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)**

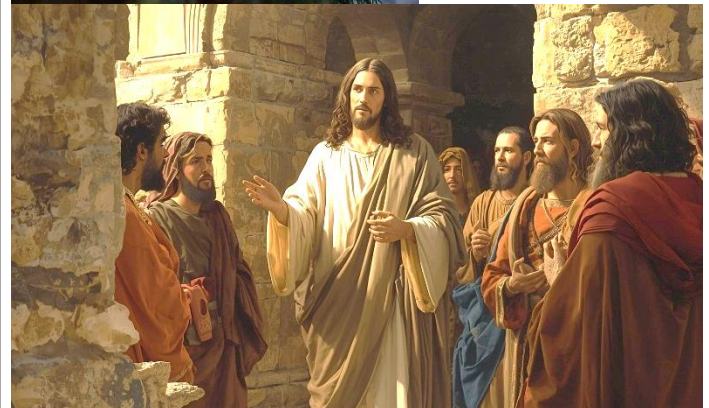
- **Sundays 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm for kids ages 5 to 17**
- **Thursdays 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm for adults**

***First Sunday of Advent, Year A***  
***November 30, 2025***



**“So, stay  
awake,  
because you  
do not know  
the day when  
your master  
is coming”**

*(Matt 24:24)*



**Parish Offertory 11/23/2025**

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| ➤ St. Joseph | \$1,284.00 |
| ➤ OLG        | \$583.00   |

**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: Fabricio Sanchez**  
**St Joseph's Brothers Chair: Dan Von Behren**  
**Parish Life Chair: Naomi Loman**  
**Respect Life Coordinator: Nancy Thomason**  
**Music Ministry Chair: Carol Tucker**


**Parish Online Giving QR Code**  
**We thank you for your generosity**





## Weekly Parish Calendar and Daily Mass Readings

*Masses, meetings, activities and events are held at St. Joseph Catholic Church unless otherwise posted.*

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| <b>Vigil (Saturday) at OLG Cherokee</b><br>11/29/25<br><i>First Sunday of Advent, Year A</i> | <b>4:30 pm</b><br><b>6:00 pm</b>      | <b>Mass (OLG-English):</b> Deborah Sue Parks (healing)<br><b>Mass (OLG- Spanish):</b> +Departed      | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 2:1-5<br><b>Reading 2:</b> Rom 13:11-14<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matt 24:37-44 |
| <b>Sunday, 11/30/25</b>  | <b>9:30 am</b><br><br><b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Mass:</b> Sonia Holt (Birthday)<br><b>Mass:</b> +Departed Loved Ones Whose names are on the altar |            |
| <b>Monday 12/1/25</b><br><i>Advent Week 1</i>  | <b>12:00 pm</b><br><b>Memorial</b>    | <b>Mass:</b> Deborah Sue Parks (healing)   | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 4:2-6<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matt 8:5-11                                     |
| <b>Tuesday, 12/2/25</b><br><i>Advent Week 1</i>  |                                       | <b>No Mass</b>   | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 11:1-10<br><b>Gospel:</b> Luke 10:21-24                                 |
| <b>Wednesday, 12/3/25</b><br><i>St. Francis Xavier (Priest)</i>                              | <b>6:00 pm</b>                        | <b>Mass:</b> John Joseph Janutis (healing)   | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 25:6-10<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matt 15:29-37                                 |
| <b>Thursday, 12/4/25</b><br><i>Advent Week 1</i>   | <b>12:00 pm</b>                       | <b>Mass:</b> Deborah Sue Parks (healing)   | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 26:1-6<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matt 9:27-31                                   |
| <b>Friday, 12/5/25</b><br><i>Advent Week 1</i>   | <b>12:00 pm</b>                       | <b>Mass:</b> John Joseph Janutis (healing)   | <b>Reading 1:</b> Isa 30:19-21, 23-26<br><b>Gospel:</b> Matt 9:35- 10:1, 5-8                  |



**Please pray for those on our parish prayer list:**  
Jenny Bonnette, Ted & Kay Gillrup, Bill Hadley,  
Doris Kearns, Mary Herr, Nancy Thomason, Dianne Ellis, Rita Turner,  
Fannie Wiggins, Julie Wilmont, Carol Redwine, Alan Tucker, Jan Johnston.



## Parish Announcements

### Pastors Desk

*Beloved in Christ,  
As we enter this Advent season, we are reminded that hope is not wishful thinking; it is the confident expectation that God will fulfill His promises. The first candle of Advent, the Candle of Hope, shines in the darkness to remind us that God's light is coming into the world.*

### Music Ministry

**Why not consider using your voice to sing to the Lord?**  
**Our weekly practice holds every Wednesday by 4:30pm.**  
**Please join us.**

### ADVENT

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." It is a four-week season of preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ and a reminder of His promised return.

It is not just a countdown to Christmas but a time of reflection, prayer, and expectation. Themes include **hope, peace, joy, and love.**

🌿 The Advent Wreath



- **Symbolism:** The Advent wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, representing eternity and everlasting life in Christ.
- **Candles:** Four candles (sometimes five, with a central "Christ candle") are lit progressively each week, symbolizing the growing light of Christ in a dark world. And each candle represents the different Advent Themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

### Parish Directory

**We are glad to announce that we have made progress with the parish directory.**

**We would like our parishioners both regular and summer to take a look at the notice board to be sure their names are included on the list or written correctly. Thanks!**

### Angel Tree

The Angel Tree gift donation cards are still available. We are encouraged to put a Christmas smile on the face a child here in Swain County by sponsoring one of the gift items.

