

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last Weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's	Our Lady of Guadalupe
12/24: \$2346.00	12/24: \$463.00
12/25: \$1079.00	12/25: \$746.00

God bless & keep all our benefactors & volunteers!

Parish DSA Goals for 2017

St. Joseph's	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Goal Met!	Goal Met!
Raised: \$6001.75	Raised: \$4359.00

Thank you for helping us reach our goals!

Solemnity of the Holy Family

December 31st, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Last weekend, the Diocese of Charlotte lost our "Bishop Emeritus" the Most Rev. Fr. William Curlin. For me, this loss is somewhat personal, so it's all the more saddening. A bishop is, first & foremost, a spiritual father. His primary identity is always to love the people those entrusted to his care and aid their souls by his words & deeds. In my case, Bishop Curlin gave me, through the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. I was in eighth grade and not particularly devout, but in a moment of piety while I prayed, God told me that He wanted me to take St. Simon of Cyrene as my patron because it was my

call to help Christ carry His Cross. After the Mass, Bishop Curlin asked me to remind him which Saint's name I had taken. I told him and he looked quizzically at me. "In all my years as a bishop, I have never heard anyone take him as their patron. Is there a reason you did?" I told the reason that God given me. At the moment, he smiled, took off his ring & zucchetto (the skullcap), both symbols of his office as bishop. He put them on me and said "You're mine now. You're going to become a priest." Through his joy & love, he let me see the beauty of the priesthood, so inviting me into the life that God seems to have intended for me to live. 20 years later, he is still showing me the beauty of the priesthood. My love for him moves me to pray that he quickly can behold the face of Our Savior in Heaven. Knowing him, rest isn't what he wants in Eternity. If he's already enjoying Heaven, he's probably just getting started in his new work as a spiritual father: praying for each of us! ~Fr. Shaw

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (JAN. 1ST) — 12PM @ ST. JOSEPH'S

**Because January 1st is on a Monday in 2018, this Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation as it is in other years.*

PRAYERS

Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially: Bob & Dee Burns, Maurice Williams, Louis Gantner, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Carolyn Burns, Roseann Harris, Wayne Whipple, Kathy Weise, Maksim Rippe, Connie DiLillo, Ardith & Tom Coughlin, Pressie & Ted Raby, Arleen Newlon, Dennis Antalick, Ruth Ann Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Iretta Wang, Kim Samson, John Ross, Doris Kearns, & Mary Brogan.

St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, intercede for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially: Phil Burns, Joseph Bushey, Robert Berlin, Virginia Treadway, Marie Antalick, Ruby Hornbuckle, John Arch, Trudy Klug, Alan Pickering, Nila Arroyo, Everett Wilmot, Marian Holley, Dr. Tom Krizek, Virginia Goodwyn, Jim Fogarty, Jerry Antalick, Carol Helsen, Ellen Klug, Christina Tucker, Chuck Brogan, Patricia Swan, Jerry Newlon, Donald Samson, LeWanda Myers, Phil Balin, Jack Canane, & Jim Smith.

St. Michael the Archangel, protect & intercede for our Armed Forces Personnel, especially: Ryan Carr, Richard Fischer III, Gunnar Hale, Christopher Jones, David Spalding, Larry Studer, & Peter Young.

SUNDAY YEAR: B

DAILY MASS READINGS

WEEKDAY YEAR: 2

Monday:	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	Num 6:22-27	Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8	Gal 4:4-7	Luke 2:16-21
Tuesday:	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	1 John 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4		John 1:19-28
Wednesday:	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	1 John 2:29-3:6	Ps 98:1, 3-6		John 1:29-34
Thursday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious & Confessor	1 John 3:7-10	Ps 98:1, 7-9		John 1:35-42
Friday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop & Confessor	1 John 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5		John 1:43-51
Saturday:	<i>St. André Bessette, Religious & Confessor</i>	1 John 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15, 19-20		Luke 3:23-38

Regular = Feria/Obligatory Memorial, *Italic* = Optional Memorial, ALL CAPITAL = Feast, **BOLD CAPITAL** = Solemnity

To arrange Mass intentions, please contact the office during the week.

SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(12/30) **Saturday:** 5:00pm: †Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo
(For the people of the Parish)
Monday: 12:00pm: Aaron & Mary Condon
(requested by Dcn. Bill & Ann Shaw)
Tuesday: MASS CANCELLED
Wednesday: 6:00pm: The sanctification of our parish
Thursday: 12:00pm: Daughter of Charity
Friday: 12:00pm: Archdiocese of Baltimore

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

(12/30) **Saturday:** 7:00pm: Fabricio & Ofelia Sanchez
Sunday: 9:00am: †Most Rev. Fr. William Curlin

CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm
and available after each daily Mass.

CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE

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Hours:

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16543 will
be having their monthly business meeting:

Monday, January 8th @ 6:30pm

in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Solemnity of the Holy Family, December 31st:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: G. Jarrett;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: TBD; Usher: TBD

Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 7th:

OLG 9:00am: Reader: G. Jarrett;

SJ 11:15am: Reader: TBD; Usher: TBD

GOOD JOES

Upcoming Meeting: Recessed until Spring

The Good Joe's meet every 2nd and 4th week of the month. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 11:30am, with Mass and then lunch. Any man is welcome. Contact either Bob Burns (rbjbs213@gmail.com) or Tom McCarty (TomWPB@aol.com) if you plan to attend so that we can make sure that you are on the mailing list and have enough food.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on
January 13th, 2018 at 9:30am

at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission
in the Kateri Center.

All members of the council are expected to be in
attendance. Also, Coordinators should submit
reports beforehand.

New Women's Spirituality Group!

Are you a woman seeking to understand more about the Faith?
On **Tuesday evenings at 6 PM in the Church Hall**, the
parish Woman's Spirituality Group meets.

**Next Meeting: January 9th with
Session #6 of the Lectio Series**

Join us in our Spiritual Adoption program!

Development of the Unborn Baby

Fourth Month

Your spiritually adopted baby's mother can finally feel the
movements of her baby within her womb. By the time this
fourth month is over your baby will be 6 inches long. Their tiny
heart has been beating since he was 21 days old. Now this
strong little heart pumps 6 gallons of blood every day (picture 6
milk cartons - your baby's heart is a pumping miracle!) Your
baby is becoming stronger and likes to turn somersaults. Your
baby has lots of nice skin but not much fat to fill it out so they
looks a little wrinkly. Their skin is covered with vernix, a thick
white cream which protects their skin from the salty amniotic
fluid. Your baby's face is becoming prettier and has begun to
resemble their parents.