

# Welcome to Saint Joseph Roman Catholic Church (in Bryson City) & Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church (in Cherokee)

**Sunday, April 5, 2009, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

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**Saturday Vigil Mass: At OLG (July 4, 2009-October 31, 2009): 4pm; At St. Joseph (all year): 7pm**

**Sunday Masses (all year): At OLG: Sun.: 9am; At St. Joseph: 11:15am**

**Daily Masses: As posted below.**

**Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation: Saturdays: at St. Joseph: 6pm-6:30pm (or by appt.)**

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: At St. Joseph: After Mass on First Fridays (unless otherwise posted)**

**Office Hours: Meetings are scheduled by appointment only, but meetings can and will be arranged to suit you.**

### **Contacts and phone numbers**

Rev. Shawn O'Neal, Pastor: 488-6766

Kathy Posey, Faith Formation coordinator: 488-0652

Parish mobile phone for emergency calls: 736-5322

David & Cathie Tilly, RCIA coordinators: 479-9278

OLG Church/Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Ctr.: 497-9755

Eduardo Bernal, vicariate Hispanic minister: 586-2167

**St. Joseph Thrift Shop: 488-2266: Wednesday: 10am-4pm; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 10am-1pm**

### **MASSES AND MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

**Sat.: 7pm (St. J): *Pro populo*; Sun.: 9am (OLG); 11:15am (St. J); Mon.: 9am (St. J); Tues.: NO MASS; Wed.: 6pm (OLG); Thurs.: 7pm (St. J); Fri.: 7pm (St. J):**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR EVERYONE WHO SEEKS HEALING, especially:** Wilda Allen, Mary Asker, Aldo & Angela Bagiotti, Cristina Bagiotti-Sheldon, Ann & Kathy Blaser, Lisa & Randy Bocook, Diana Butler, Patrick Corey, June Curran, David Donaldson, Richard & Susan Fischer, Nancy Fisher, Jim Fogarty, Cynthia Friedrich, Ann Fryer, Craig Fuhrmann, Richard Goodwin, Eleanor Gremo, Bill Hamilton, Doris Hruska, Dolores Landwehr, Hugh LaShomb, Caroline Lutz, Christine Mirabella, Austin Needo, Jerry Newlon, Betty O'Neil, Julie Ostergaard, Patrick Perry, Christa Pointke, Ted Raby, Barbara Reidmiller, Maria Seay, George Smith, Jack Smith, Harold Spaeth, Bil Stahl, Mac Tanner, Iretta Wang, Cheryl Whipple, Jeff & Beth Williams, and Cristel Winnberry. *To include or delete anyone on this list, call Fr. Shawn.*

**Parish registration forms** are available at each church. Ask an usher or Fr. Shawn for one.

**Daily Mass will be celebrated on Monday, April 6 at 9am at St. J**

**Information concerning the Penance and Reconciliation Service this Wednesday at OLG is on page 3.**

**Please send financial assistance to our brothers and sisters in the upper Midwest. Information is on page 3.**

### **EASTER TRIDUUM LITURGIES SCHEDULE:**

**Holy Thursday, April 9: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7pm at St. Joseph**

**Good Friday, April 10: Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 7pm at St. Joseph**

**Holy Saturday, April 11: Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord: 8pm at St. Joseph**

(Easter Vigil Mass will not be celebrated at 7pm because it is customary to wait until sunset.)

The Blessing of the Easter Baskets will be on **Holy Saturday, April 11 at 4pm** at St. Joseph.

**STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** from last weekend

**St. Joseph:** Parishioners: \$1,859; Guests: \$175; DSA: \$300; **OLG:** Parishioners: \$245; Guests: \$301

*Your generosity is truly appreciated.*

**Ministry schedule for Masses on Easter Sunday, April 12**

**Easter Vigil: Saturday 8pm at St. J**

Usher: T. Smith  
Server: A. Norcross  
Lector: D. Tilly  
EMHC: C. Tilly  
Gifts: Newly-welcomed Catholics

**Easter Sunday 9am at OLG**

Ushers: J. Bushey, D. Pulte  
Server: J. Powers  
Lector: B. Jordan  
EMHC: B. Jordan, P. Pickering,  
and volunteer  
Gifts: G. Jarrett & H. Weichel

**Easter Sunday 11:15am at St. J**

Usher: Volunteer  
Server: Volunteer  
Lector: J. Ross  
EMHC: J. Huffman  
Gifts: Volunteers

**DONATIONS TOWARDS REFRESHMENTS REQUESTED:** Both St. Joseph and OLG Churches are pleased to serve foods and beverages after the Sunday Masses, but diners are requested to donate toward the weekly cost of serving food. A gift as small as \$1 per family per Sunday helps the church to purchase food and beverages, service items, and food storage/disposal products.

**PRAY FOR EVERYONE SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES** especially those serving in the Middle East. Loved ones related to parishioners include Christopher Bodiford, Fred J. Erst, Jason Small, and Larry Studer. **Pray for an end to all war and conflict** so those who serve can enjoy the company of friends and family stateside and so all victims of war may be blessed with peace and comfort. Pray that we help victims of war recover, too.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION DAY ON APRIL 25 IN WAYNESVILLE:** St. John the Evangelist Church will host an educational program **from 9am to 3pm on Saturday, April 25** with presentations on Eucharist and Evangelization, Ecumenism, the Lectionary, and the Lord's Prayer. Presentations will be given by local lay ministers and by Augustinian friars who serve in Maggie Valley. The workshop costs \$10 and that includes a hot lunch. Ask Fr. Shawn for a information and registration form.

**GUEST SPEAKER AT ST J. ON APRIL 27 ON THE MISSION OF ST. PAUL:** Fr. Robert Rivers, CSP, a member of The Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, will present reflections on the writings and the mission of St. Paul at St. Joseph on **Monday, April 27**. The presentation will begin with Mass at **4pm**, followed by a potluck supper, and the program beginning around **5:30pm**. There is no charge to attend. Please bring a covered dish.

**TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE RAFFLE:** The 70th annual Tekakwitha Conference for Native American Catholics and those who work with them will be held **from July 1 until July 5, 2009** in Raleigh. Our local Kateri Circle is assisting with conference planning. As a means to raise funds for conference expenses, our two churches are having a raffle. Prizes include a stone carving by Freeman Owle and a shawl made by Maxine Studer. Other prizes will be awarded, too. Tickets cost \$1 each or \$8 for a book of 10. See or call Mary Herr (497-9498) and Maxine Studer (497-3309) to purchase raffle tickets. The raffle will occur on **May 1**. Winners need not present that day. For information about attending the Tekakwitha Conference, see either Mary or Maxine.

**DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL UPDATE:** St. Joseph's assessed goal is \$5,202. \$2,465 of pledges have been paid. \$75 of pledges remain outstanding. \$1,449 in gifts have been given. The current total is **\$3,989**, which is **77%** of the assessed goal.

OLG's assessed goal is \$2,381. \$900 of pledges have been paid. \$600 in pledges remain outstanding. \$894 in gifts have been given. The current total is **\$2,394**. OLG has achieved its goal as long as outstanding pledges are paid in full. Thank you very much for this achievement!

Visitors to St. Joseph are encouraged to specifically designate their donations toward the DSA assessments by writing "DSA" on their check's memo line.

**PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE THIS WEDNESDAY AT OLG: Mass starts at 6pm; the Penance Service starts after the conclusion of Mass.** Fr. Jim Cahill and Fr. Liam O'Doherty, an Augustinian friar based in Maggie Valley, will join Fr. Shawn in hearing confessions. Fr. Shawn knows full well the policy that people should not receive the Eucharist until they are in a state of grace, but in this specific case, Catholics who seek to receive the Eucharist during this Daily Mass may receive as long as they seek sacramental confession as soon as possible. Refer to paragraph 1452 of our Church's *Catechism*.

**Anointing of the sick during Penance Service:** We should keep foremost in our minds how God extended and will always extend his mercy to us for the sake of us being saved by him. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prime example of God's love for us. Many of you might know it as "Last Rites", but, thanks be to God, the Sacrament has been ritually restored to its rightful place for the sake of offering healing to the sick rather than simply being a final act offered to the dying.. Sick members of the parish are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as part of the Penance Service. The Anointing will be offered before Confessions are heard.

**OUR PARISH'S COUNCILS:** The following people have accepted one-year terms to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council: Barbara Barker, Lisa Bocook, Dee Burns, Mary Herr, Naomi Lowman, Pat Pickering, Stephen Poole, Joan Powers, John Ross, and Mary Ellen Saunooke. The PPC's next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 15 at 6:30pm** at St. Joseph. Daily Mass that day will start at **6pm**.

The Parish's Finance Council comprises of Ted Norcross, Dorothy Poole, and Tom Smith.

**FROM FR. SHAWN: On the status of Fr. Williams:** I have been asked to celebrate Mass again at WCU this Palm Sunday evening. Fr. Williams is not celebrating Masses at his parish this weekend. I do not know whether or not he will take time away from the parish. He may be back for Easter and then go on leave again. I simply do not know any actual plans. Please pray for his continued healing.

**Second collection for flood victims at all Masses this weekend:** I received word from the good people at Catholic Charities of North Dakota that cash donations are the best and easiest ways to assist flood victims. Please do not send clothing to the people of North Dakota; send cash. A special collection will be taken up at all Palm Sunday Masses with the funds going to Catholic Charities USA's specific fund for flood assistance. If you wish to write a check in support of flood victims, write your check to St. Joseph or OLG Church and put "flood aid" in the memo line.

In response to a current charity activity, Operation Rice Bowl, I must clarify that the spare change being put into Operation Rice Bowl containers will go toward both national and international relief projects for Catholic Relief Services. Both CCUSA and CRS fall under the same umbrella and are well-respected organizations because of their ability to assist with low overhead costs.

**Second collection at all Easter Sunday Masses:** As is customary within the Diocese of Charlotte, all parishes within the diocese will have a second collection toward assisting with the cost of continuing education programs for both priests and seminarians of the diocese. If you are writing a check, please specify that your gift is for the first/regular collection or for the second collection.

**Special thanks goes to Herman and Paula Fleischer** for assisting Joyce Parker of Cherokee with the requested items.

**Special thanks goes to Paul Caruso** of Roswell, Ga. for donating numerous books and cassettes for the sake of building up the libraries of both churches. Hey, can someone donate some shelves?

**Our parish will welcome two adult members and celebrate three Confirmations of parish youth during the Easter Vigil.** Please pray for Sarah Cranford, Elliott Jacques, Ethan Jacques, Michael Wright, and Allison Wunder. Please pray for everyone throughout the world who will receive the Easter Sacraments of Initiation. Pray for our young people who will receive First Communion on Sunday, May 17.