

# ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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### GIVING

#### Last Weekend's Collection

St. Joseph's:

12/18: \$860.00

12/25: \$1850.00

01/01: \$1522.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe:

12/18: \$645.00

12/25: \$713.00

01/01: \$746.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.  
God bless & keep you!

### *Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord*

*January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

Dear Parish Family,

As we continue our Christmas celebrations into this final week of the season, we celebrate the two Feasts of Christ's acknowledgement by humanity & Divinity. First, we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord. It is this great day, it marks the arrival of those who had sought our Lord through study of the created order. In this case, it was the stars that led the three wise men to the Holy Infant. In this, we are reminded that even the fallen created order can lead us to seek and find the truth of Christ. It has long been held that the human mind, using reason alone, can arrive at the conclusion that there is a God, that He must be All-powerful, All-knowing, and perfectly Benevolent. So, all creation lower than mankind can aid us in coming to know Christ.

But, it doesn't end there for us. The second Feast we celebrate on this Monday, the Baptism of the Lord, reminds us that God Himself has acknowledged that Jesus of Nazareth is the Son of God and His Anointed One. Furthermore, as only could happen by a revelation from God directly, we are given the gift of knowing that the One God is a Trinity of Persons at the Baptism of the Lord as Sacred Scriptures tell us that the voice of the Father was heard speaking and the Spirit was seen descending, both pointing to Jesus as the Son & Christ.

In short, the world points us to Him, the Trinity has confirmed who He is, so do we embrace the reality of Jesus as the Son, the Lord, and the Messiah? Do we accept the testimony before us that the Light has entered into the world and has conquered the Darkness? Or do we choose to live in blindness and doubt? Let our lives reflect what we believe! ~Fr. Shaw

### 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 & Jerry Newlon, Dennis Antalick, Ruth Ann Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Ted Klug, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Iretta Wang, Kim Samson, John Ross, & Doris Kearns.

**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.

**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.

### DAILY MASS READINGS

SUNDAY YEAR: A

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Monday:	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Ps 29:1--4, 9-10	Acts 10:34-38	Matt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Feria	Heb 2:5-12	Ps 8:2, 5-9		Mark 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Feria	Heb 2:14-18	Ps 105:1-4, 6-9		Mark 1:29-39
Thursday:	Feria	Heb 3:7-14	Ps 95:6-11		Mark 1:40-45
Friday:	St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor	Heb 4:1-5, 11	Ps 78:3-4, 6-8		Mark 2:1-12
Saturday:	Feria	Heb 4:12-16	Ps 19:8-10, 15		Mark 2:13-17

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

To arrange Mass intentions,  
please call or email the office during the week.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

(01/07) <u>Saturday:</u>	5:00pm:	†Lee Holt (requested by Sonia Holt)
<u>Sunday:</u>	11:15am:	Pro Populo (For the people of the Parish)
<u>Monday:</u>	10:30am:	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
<u>Tuesday:</u>		MASSES CANCELLED
<u>Wednesday:</u>	4:30pm:	†Danielle Greenburg (requested by Christina Reitz)
<u>Thursday:</u>	10:30am:	Benefactors of the Parish
<u>Friday:</u>	10:30am:	Bob & Nadine Shaw & Family (requested by Dcn. Bill & Ann Shaw)

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION**

(01/07) <u>Saturday:</u>	MASSES CANCELLED
<u>Sunday:</u>	DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**CONTACTS & MINISTRIES**

<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>(828) 488-6766</b>
<b>Parish Emergency Line:</b>	<b>(828) 736-5322</b>
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Vicariate Hispanic Ministry Coordinator -	Rev. Fr. Julio C. Dominguez

**ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE**

(828) 488-2266

**Hours:**

Wednesday-Friday: 10:00am-4:00pm  
Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Knights of Columbus Council #16543 will be  
having their monthly business meeting:  
**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**  
in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Any man who is interested in learn more about this great  
Catholic organization, should speak with  
Grand Knight Bobby Bonnette.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS*****Feast of Epiphany of the Lord, January 8<sup>th</sup>:***

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: H. Weichel; EMHC: S. Pulte;  
**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: K. Holt; EMHC: J. Holt;  
Usher: S. Samson

***Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time, January 15<sup>th</sup>:***

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: J. Powers; EMHC: G. Parris;  
**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: C. DiLillo; EMHC: R. Nilges;  
Usher: B. Bonnette

**FELLOWSHIP****GOOD JOES****Upcoming Meeting: Next Spring**

The Good Joe's meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (rjbrns213@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.

**SISTERS IN SPIRIT****Upcoming Meeting: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Our parish's women group meets every month at St. Joseph's at 10:30am with Mass, followed by a light lunch & dessert served in the parish hall. All women are invited to participate. Contact Rita Turner at (828)488-4854 for more information.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

WE WILL BEGIN A NEW CLASS SOON! DETAILS WILL SOON FOLLOW!

**Spiritual Adoption**

MONTHS SEVEN &amp; EIGHT –

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. They are completely formed, and have been since 8 weeks. All they are doing now is gaining weight - - and making their mother uncomfortable with their size. But she is not worried. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

**25 Hour Marriage Getaway Weekend**

February 4-5, 2017

Saturday 4 pm to Sunday 4 pm

Take off on a 25-hour retreat with your spouse at Kanuga Conference Center nestled in Hendersonville, NC. Nourish your relationship with practical & spiritual advice from an experienced team including Father Martin Connor, LC, and 3 married Catholic couples. Spend time in adoration, confession, and conversing with your spouse. For more information contact Cindy Burk (410) 868.7114. Registration information is available at rcgreatercharlotte.com at the retreats tab.