



# ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION



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### GIVING

#### Last Weekend's Collection

<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
11/25: \$1417.00	11/25: \$307.00

God bless & keep all our benefactors & volunteers!

#### 2018 Diocesan Support Appeal

<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
Goal: \$6667.00	Goal: \$3998.00
Collected: \$5352.02 (80.3%)	Collected: \$1210.00 (30.3%)
<i>as of 11/19/18</i>	<i>as of 11/19/18</i>

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### Sunday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Dear Parish Family,

It is a somewhat odd experience to be away from the parish for the start of the wonderful season of Advent. Were I not going on pilgrimage to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, & Nazareth (to name just a few of the places), I would most certainly be with you to ring in the "new year" for the Church.

In its own way, the season of Advent thrusts all of us onto a spiritual pilgrimage to that manger in Bethlehem on that "silent night". We start this season in darkness and then illuminate a single candle on the Advent Wreath. That single light, though not scattering the darkness too far, forms a point of reference for us as we journey, that we might find the path that leads us to the Christ Child. What obstacles lay upon the path for us? Where

is the light of Christ being blocked? Are there areas where the road needs to be made straight and smooth? What are we doing to make sure that our path (in our hearts and souls) is ready to encounter Our Blessed Lord? Let us take the time during this season to seek & find the answer to these questions, so that we might be fully & properly prepared to celebrate with the upmost joy. ~ Fr. Shaw

### \*\*\* Next weekend, we have two obligations for the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception & for Sunday. \*\*\*

Any Mass on Saturday suffices for the Immaculate Conception, any Saturday Evening or Sunday Mass suffices for the Sunday obligation.

Only one obligation can be satisfied by attending Mass, so all Catholics must go to at least **two** Masses next weekend.

Those who choose not to go to Mass for both of these celebrations, enter into a state of mortal sin and cannot receive Holy Communion until they go to confession. If you are ill, caring for an immediate family member who is ill, or inclement weather makes travel unsafe, then there is no obligation.

#### Mass times for next weekend:

**Saturday** - 10am @ St. Joseph's, 5pm @ St. Joseph's, 7pm @ OLG;

**Sunday** - 9am @ OLG, 11:15am @ St. Joseph's

### PRAYERS

**Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially:** Bob & Dee Burns, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Pressie Raby, RuthAnn Nilges, Barbara Hart, Tom Reidmiller, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Kim Samson, Doris Kearns, Mary Brogan, Dan Pulte, & Donna Nelson.

**St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, intercede for the Souls of all the Faithful Departed, especially:** John Arch, Everett Wilmot, Christina Tucker, Chuck Brogan, Donald Samson, Jack Canane, Jim Smith, Ted Raby, Phil Webb, Kristy Schumann, Tom Guertin, Steven Cramer, & Kathryn Trull.

**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: C

### DAILY MASS READINGS

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Day	Memorial	Isaiah	Psalms	Gospel
Monday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest & Confessor	Isa 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-9	Matt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	<i>St. John Damascene, Religious, Priest, &amp; Doctor</i>	Isa 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17	Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Advent Feria	Isa 25:6-10	Ps 23:1-6	Matt 15:29-37
Thursday:	<i>St. Nicholas, Bishop &amp; Confessor</i>	Isa 26:1-6	Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27	Matt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	Isa 29:17-24	Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14	Matt 9:27-31
Saturday:	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	Gen 3:9-15, 20	Ps 98:1-4	Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38

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

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

### SAINT JOSEPH'S MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

(12/01) Saturday: 5:00pm:  
Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo  
(For the people of the Parish)

Monday:  
Tuesday: **DAILY MASSES CANCELLED**  
Wednesday: **UNTIL DECEMBER 17TH**  
Thursday:  
Friday:

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

(12/01) Saturday: 7:00pm: Special Intention  
Sunday: 9:00am:

### CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm, available after each daily Mass, & upon request.

### CONTACTS & MINISTRIES

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### ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE

(828) 488-2266

#### Hours:

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

Saturday: 10:00am-1:00pm

### Carmelite Open House

“The Lay Carmelites of St. Mary Mother of God” will host an open house on Saturday, December 15, at St. Mary's Catholic Church (22 Bartlett Street, Sylva, NC 28779). We will pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the church around 9:30am, followed by fellowship & a brief presentation around 10am in the conference center. All adult, practicing Catholics are welcome. There is a flyer with more info in the foyer of St. Joseph's. We would love to share with you about our community.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

*Sunday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent, December 2<sup>nd</sup>:*

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

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: K. Posey; Usher: J. Thomason

*Sunday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent, December 9<sup>th</sup>:*

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: H. Weichel;

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: R. Burch; Usher: R. Breen

### GOOD JOES

**Upcoming Meeting: Recessed until the Spring**

The Good Joe's meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. Meetings are usually on Tuesdays at 12 pm, with Mass and then lunch.

Any man is welcome.

### Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting:

December 15<sup>th</sup> @ St. Joseph's in the Church Hall at 9:30am.

Please submit reports & agenda items to

Joe Kamarata, Council Chairman, at least one week in advance.

### Women's Spirituality Group

Are you a woman seeking to understand more about the Faith?

On **Wednesday evenings at 4:30 PM in the Church Hall**, the parish Woman's Spirituality Group meets.

**Next Meeting: December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Topic: Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation**

### They'll feed you, help us feed others!

Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, our Knights will be cooking up a **free** pancake breakfast and collecting food for needy children & families in our community. Please contribute non-perishable food that will go to help needy families in our community.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm**

in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

Did you know that that you can make tax free distributions to St. Joseph's & Our Lady of Guadalupe directly from your IRA account if you're over 70½ years old? These are free from federal & state income taxes, can help avoid Medicare high income surcharges, and can help reduce taxes on your social security benefits. Distributions can be made directly to our parish and can be restricted so that it can only be used for specific purposes (building maintenance, DSA, grounds, etc.). For more information, please contact Bob Burns (rjbns213@gmail.com).