



# ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH & OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION



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## GIVING

### Offertory Collection

<u>St. Joseph's</u> 12/15	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> 12/15
Budgeted: \$1250.00	Budgeted: \$983.34
Received: \$.00	Received: \$.00
<u>Totals for 11/2019</u>	<u>Totals for 11/2019</u>
Budgeted: \$5000.00	Budgeted: \$3998.00
Received: \$3241.00	Received: \$2723.75

God bless & keep all our patrons & volunteers!

### 2019 Diocesan Support Appeal

<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u>
Goal: \$7016.00	Goal: \$2984.00
Received: \$4448.00 (63%)	Received: \$1375.00 (46%)

Help us reach our goals by donating at:  
[charlottediocese.thankyou4caring.org/DSADonations](http://charlottediocese.thankyou4caring.org/DSADonations)

## *Sunday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Advent* *December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019*

Dear Parish Family,

As we are on the cusp of celebrating this Christmas season, gift-giving is on the mind of many people and I would like to take this opportunity to offer my thanks to the many people & their families who give the gift of their time & skills to help me and all of us as a parish family. Every moment that we have together as a family, bonded together by Our Heavenly Father through Christ, our Lord, Savior, & Brother, is a gift that we should cherish and hold dear in our hearts. I have been blessed to have many, especially over the past few weeks, show their deep care & concern for me & my family. No matter what the past or the future might hold, we are always stronger & better off when we allow our hearts to be united, loving and serving each other. May this Christmas, and the entire season that flows from it, be a reminder of the gentle, intimate way that Christ first came into this world, comfort us as we prepare for His second coming, and give us confidence that our long awaited Messiah will return once more to lead His people home.

~ Fr. Shaw

## Upcoming Events

**12/24 – Christmas Vigil Mass at OLG (Cherokee) starting at 7:00pm.**

**12/25 – Christmas Day Masses: 12 Midnight at St. Joseph's, 9:00am at OLG, 11:15am at St. Joseph's**

**01/01 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses (Holy Day of Obligation): 12:10pm at OLG; 6:00pm at St. Joseph's**

## PRAYERS

**Our Lady of Sorrows, intercede for all the Sick & Suffering, especially:** Bob Burns, Nancy Thomason, Carol Badalucco, Pressie Raby, Barbara Hart, Bill & Joan Sutherland, Doris Kearns, Mary Brogan, & 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, Ted Raby, Phil Webb, Kristy Schumann, Steven Cramer, Kathryn Trull, Louis Gantnier, Angela DiLillo, Douglas Baker, Kim Samson, John Suttle, Dee Burns, Phil Anderson, Dan Pulte, & Walter Powers.

**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, Gabriel LeBron, & Rev. Fr. Jason Burchell.

SUNDAY YEAR: A

## DAILY MASS READINGS

WEEKDAY YEAR: 2

Monday:	Late Advent Feria	1 Sam 1:24-28	1 Sam 2:1, 4-8	Luke 1:46-56
Tuesday:	Christmas Eve	Isa 62:1-5	Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Matt 1:1-25
Wednesday:	<b>THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST</b>	Isa 52:7-10	Ps 98:1-6	Heb 1:1-6 John 1:1-18
Thursday:	ST. STEPHEN, DEACON & PROTOMARTYR	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17	Matt 10:17-22
Friday:	ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	1 John 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12	John 20:1-8
Saturday:	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS	1 John 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-5, 7-8	Matt 2:13-18

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

To arrange Mass intentions,  
please contact the office at least two weeks prior to date desired.

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

(12/21) <u>Saturday:</u>	5:00pm:	Faithful Departed of the Parish
<u>Sunday:</u>	11:15am:	Pro Populo (For the people of the Parish)
<u>Monday:</u>	12:00pm:	Rev. Fr. Casey Coleman
<u>Tuesday:</u>		<b>VIGIL MASS AT OLG</b>
<u>Wednesday:</u>	12:00am:	Most Rev. Fr. Peter J. Jugis
	11:15am:	Christians in the Holy Land
<u>Thursday:</u>	12:00pm:	Rev. Fr. Christopher Bond
<u>Friday:</u>	12:00pm:	Rev. Fr. Paul McNulty
<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION</b>		
(12/21) <u>Saturday:</u>	7:00pm:	Patrons of the Parish
<u>Sunday:</u>	9:00am:	†Holy Souls in Purgatory
<u>Tuesday:</u>	7:00pm:	Faithful Departed of the Parish
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:00am:	Pro Populo (For the people of the Parish)

**CONFESSIONS**

St. Joseph's: Every Saturday from 4:15pm-4:45pm, available 30 minutes before each daily Mass, & upon request.

**CONTACTS & MINISTRIES**

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**ST. JOSEPH'S THRIFT STORE**

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**Hours:** Wed.:10am-4pm, Thurs.: 10am-1pm,  
Fri.: 10am-4pm, Sat.:10am-1pm

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Sunday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Advent, December 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

**OLG 9:00am:** Reader: D. Arch;

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: D. Kearns; Usher: M. Breen

**Feast of the Holy Family, December 29<sup>th</sup>:**

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

**SJ 11:15am:** Reader: J. Ross; Usher: M. Breen

**GOOD JOES**

**Upcoming Meeting: Recessed Until 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:

**In the new year @ St. Joseph's in the Church Hall at 7pm.**

Please submit reports & agenda items to  
Lois Baker, Council Chair, 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: Delayed until construction is completed**



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Our Knights of Columbus Council #16543 will be  
having their monthly business meeting:  
**Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**  
in St. Joseph's Church Hall.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

The local court's next meeting is:

**TBA**

Contact: Glenda Jarrett  
(glenda.jarrett1@frontier.com)



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).