

ST. JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

&

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

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GIVING

Last Weekend's Collection

<u>St. Joseph's</u> 12/17: \$1346.00	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> 12/17: \$179.92
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God bless & keep all our benefactors & volunteers!

Parish DSA Goals for 2017

<u>St. Joseph's</u> Goal Met! Raised: \$6001.75	<u>Our Lady of Guadalupe</u> Goal Met! Raised: \$4359.00
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Thank you for helping us reach our goals!

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24th, 2017

Dear Parish Family,

Today, on this last day of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season, something remarkable is happening. Just as the dawn is the light from the Sun that illuminates the sky before it rises, so we see the Light that comes before it rises fully. The temptation will be to dismiss this day so that we can rush on to the celebration of tomorrow. Society around us has been doing that since Thanksgiving and before. We, however, must savor this moment. It is a reminder of how far we have come through the darkness. That the weeks of anticipation are about

to be fulfilled. In some ways, it should be like the excitement of watching our favorite team about to win a championship. On the spiritual level, our senses should be on a hair trigger. We should be able to notice things that would normally be too subtle for us to take notice, yet, now, we see them as if they were as big as a billboard. If we have been living this Advent season well and been fully investing ourselves into preparing for the celebrations to come, our hearts should be throbbing with expectation, joy, and hope. It should almost be painful for us to wait at this point, but wait, we must. For God comes in the fulness of time and, just as we cannot make the sun rise quicker, so we must be watchful in prayer for the Son to shine upon us. ~Fr. Shaw

Mass Schedule for Upcoming Holy Days

**CHRISTMAS – VIGIL (12/24) 6PM @ OLG, 12 MIDNIGHT @ ST. JOSEPH'S,
9:00AM @ OLG, & 11:15AM @ ST. JOSEPH'S**

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.

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:	The Nativity of Our Lord	Isa 52:7-10	Ps 98:1-6	Heb 1:1-6	John 1:1-18
Tuesday:	St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59	Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16, 17		Matt 10:17-22
Wednesday:	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	1 John 1:1-4	Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12		John 20:1-8
Thursday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	1 John 1:5-2:2	Ps 124:2-5, 7-8		Matt 2:13-18
Friday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr	1 John 2:3-11	Ps 96:1-3, 5-6		Luke 2:22-35
Saturday:	6 th Day of the Christmas Octave	1 John 2:12-17	Ps 96:7-10		Luke 2:36-40

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

(12/23) **Saturday:** 5:00pm: His Holiness, Pope Francis
Sunday: 11:15am: Pro Populo

(For the people of the Parish)

Monday: 12:00am: Most Rev. Fr. Peter J. Jugis
11:15am: Pro Populo

(For the people of the Parish)

Tuesday: MASS CANCELLED

Wednesday: 6:00pm: Parish of St. John's
(Waynesville, NC)

Thursday: 12:00pm: The Holder Family

Friday: 12:00pm: Rev. Fr. Becket Soule, OP

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MISSION

(12/23) **Saturday:** 7:00pm: Most Rev. Fr. William Curlin

Sunday: 9:00am: †Poor Souls in Purgatory

6:00pm: Benefactors of the Parish

Monday 9:00am: †Parishioners & Loved Ones

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

Sunday of the 4th Week in Advent, December 24th:

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

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

Solemnity of the Holy Family, December 31st:

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 (rjbns213@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 2nd 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.