



# Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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## The Kingdom of heaven

Seventeenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46



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### Sacraments

#### ***Reconciliation***

Saturdays—4PM or by appointment

#### ***Baptism***

Class required for parents and godparents held the last Friday of month. Call the parish office two weeks prior to schedule. Baptismal sacrament given the last Saturday of the month at 11AM or by arrangement.

#### ***Marriage***

Please contact Fr. Basile Sede at least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

#### ***Anointing of the Sick***

The primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which a person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties of serious or prolonged illness. Please call and email the parish office to request anointing.

### Mass Schedule **OUTDOOR MASS**

**9:00 AM**

**FAMILY LIFE PARKING LOT**

***Tune into our website on Sundays  
for Mass with Father Basile Sede  
Please sign up on our website for Mass***

Parish Office Hours—Wednesday 9:00-12:00

*During the Covid-19 Outbreak, please send an email to [olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org) with any questions.*

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela

Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

## **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wednesday:** St. Martha

**Thursday:** St. Peter Chrysologus

**Friday:** St. Ignatius of Loyola

**Saturday:** St. Alphonsus Liguori;  
First Saturday

**Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools is hiring After School Assistants for several locations. (Charlotte and Huntersville)**

### **Job Description**

Oversee elementary school age children

### **Hours**

2:30-6:00

### **Days**

Monday-Friday

Must be 16 years old to apply. No weekends!

If interested contact:

Ellen Buening

704-370-3268

[ehbuening@charlottediocese.org](mailto:ehbuening@charlottediocese.org)

## **PARISH NEWS**

***Bible Study will meet virtually Sundays at 9:45 am and Mondays at 7:00 pm.***

***Parish Council Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month.***

***Liturgical Commission will meet 1st Thursday of the month.***

***RCIA will meet virtually Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.***

**Please continue to tithe during this difficult time.**

**Ministry leaders should utilize Zoom platform for video conference for meetings. Please email the office with any questions.**

**Please contact your Ministry Leaders with any questions or to see if you will meet with an online streaming platform or conference call.**

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020**

*Blessings on the Anniversary of Carol and Martin Robinson requested by Stan Fri*

### **SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Mark Ferreira requested by Stan Fri*

*In Remembrance of the life of Vincent Gomez requested by Catherine Gomez*

### **MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020**

*For the Repose of Katie Palmer requested by Stan Fri*

### **TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Dusturn Mkimbu requested by Stan Fri*

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Selemani Mbogoni requested by Stan Fri*

### **FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Grace Nahum Moshi requested by Stan Fri*

**Mass Intentions** - Please contact the office or email [olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org) to offer Masses for your loved ones: praying for the deceased, birthdays, anniversaries and other events. Every Mass should have an intention.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
- Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
- Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
- Friday:** Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
- Sunday:** Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21



**PRAYER LIST**

Larry Bass  
Deborah Bond  
Mr. Joseph Castro  
Mrs. A. Connors  
Florine Dennis  
Robert Douglas  
Fr. Jim Goode  
Theresa Greenley  
The House Family  
Alan W. Jones  
Cassandra Lambert  
Sammuel Lambert  
George Lewis  
Vilma Males



Edward Marsh Jr.  
John McDowell  
Sr. Bessie McCarth  
Patricia North  
Robin Plummer  
Julius Rose, Sr.  
Janice Rucker  
Lee Anne Rucker  
Angela Smith  
Jake Suggs  
Diane Taylor  
Jacqueline W  
OLC Parishioners

Please notify the Parish Office to have yourself or a family member placed on the Prayer List for the New Year. Names will appear through the calendar year. You can email your request to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org or call the parish office.

**A PRAYER for OLC Capital Campaign**

Here we stand Lord, boldly asking for your favor as we endeavor to affirm to you, our ancestors and to our community – that we are worthy of the task that is before us! We **will** rebuild this, your house as a testament to your faithfulness and love. The time is now!


Help us to be as one in our faith, our resolve and our renewed commitment to live and serve as Your Beloved Community. Lord, unite us now!

And, when we grow weary and our faith is tested, please remind us that our “ ... circumstances are no match for Your great power.” (Psalm 91: 1)

And, when setbacks come, as they surely will, and we are disheartened, remind us of the words of your prophet – “For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you...plans to give you hope and a future...” (Jeremiah 29:11), and

Finally, help us now to stand, work, and be faithful – together – believing that [We] can do all things through Christ that strengthens [us]. (Philippians 13:4).

May Our Lady of Consolation continue to intercede for us now and forever and ever! Amen!



**St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry**

The food pantry operates two days per week giving food to those in need. If you need assistance with food, or know someone who does, please call 704-817-8813. We are open on Tuesday from 10:00AM - 12:00PM for appointments only.

Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.

# The kingdom of heaven

is like a treasure buried in a field,  
which a person finds and hides again,  
and out of joy goes and sells  
all he has and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



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## SEEKING WISDOM

If God were to speak to us and tell us to ask for anything we want, what would we say? A financially secure life? Health for ourselves and our families? Safety from all the dangers of the world? To how many of us would it occur to ask for wisdom? We just don't think about it much. We think we know how to run our families, our work, our politics, but how many mistaken ideas do we really have, and how do those work out? Do we treat others, even those we dislike, with kindness and understanding? Solomon asked God for the wisdom to know right from wrong and how to govern God's vast people. God was pleased with this request, and granted it to Solomon in abundance. Can we ask for the same in our lives? Would our lives be happier if we were wiser? "We know that all things work for good for those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

## THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE . . .

Parables and more parables. What have we to learn about the reign of God from so many parables? The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. The kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea. These parables are not hard to understand, for they all point to something valuable being searched for: a treasure, a pearl, good fish. Those who search for these things give up what they have to acquire these precious things. Those who search are praised for their wisdom in valuing what they find more than what they already have. Even the fishermen can distinguish what is good from what is useless and to be discarded.

The kingdom of heaven is something precious to be sought, even above the good things we have in this world. It is more important than anything we already have and treasure. Jesus says that at the end of the age when the good shall be separated from the bad, the good will enjoy the happiness of the kingdom of heaven.

## THE NEW AND THE OLD

It is holy wisdom that allows us to realize how valuable the kingdom is. One more parable ends this reading: "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It is like the Church, which knows what to keep from the traditions of the past and what to cherish in the present time. Tradition is something passed down from generation to generation, but not necessarily unchanged. For example, we always have cake to celebrate birthdays. And yet, perhaps in the past that always meant a white or yellow cake with vanilla frosting. Today, it can mean a chocolate cake, an ice cream cake, or even a fruit pie! It can have the number of candles of the birthday person's age, or a candle for each decade and one for each subsequent year, or one big candle. It can even have, as once seen in a catalogue, Roman numeral candles to spell out the years! Traditions can change and still convey the truths they represent. So it is with the Tradition of the Church. The wise leaders bring forth both the new and the old, and seek in the kingdom what is good.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]