



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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2020

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord ...
I will bring to my holy mountain ...
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
Isaiah 56:6, 7

The Holy Mountain, folio 3 from *Monte Sancto di Dio*, 1477
Baccio Baldini (Italian, c. 1436-1487)
Chicago Institute of Art (CCI)

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 with any questions.

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela

Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

Faith Formation registration is OPEN!

No fees at this time. There will be a second posting for fee payments. Yes, this year will be different. You have already experienced our first package sent home. First Communion Liturgy was a challenge. It is posted on Facebook. We look for feedback.

We are currently planning a hybrid approach to faith formation, emphasizing "Family Catechesis".

Stay tuned, or call the parish office for more information. We are prayerfully proceeding. Please, we urge you to register TODAY.

Thank you.



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

AUGUST 15 - 21, 2020

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2020

- *For the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Stan Fri*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020

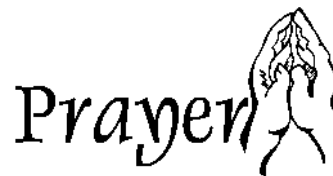
- *For the Repose of the Soul of Robert E. Fitch requested by Stan Fri*
- *Thanks to God for 5 years of interceding in prayer for others and especially for members of Our Lady of Consolation requested by Naomi McDowell-Byrd*

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

- *For the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by the Nwatchou Family*

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office or email 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.

If you are interested in our newly formed Prayer Line, please check out our website at www.ourladyofconsolation.org to sign-up or call the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00 for more information.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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!

PRAYER LIST


Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Joseph Castro
Mrs. A. Connors
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Fr. Jim Goode
Theresa Greenley
The House Family
Iona & Thomas Franklin
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.

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.



*O woman,
great is
your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28

AUGUST 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE LORD WELCOMES ALL

All of us who ache to be accepted find lavish comfort in today's readings. Rich in mercy, the Lord welcomes all of us—no exceptions. Isaiah extends God's invitation to all nations, even to foreigners who often arouse suspicion from the "in crowd." Saint Paul takes advantage of these fearful suspicions by provoking the Israelites' jealousy: if even Gentiles can offer acceptable worship to the one true God, then God's chosen people should surely do the same. In a similar way, Jesus provokes his disciples in today's Gospel from Matthew. Bantering with a Canaanite woman, Jesus draws out her tremendous faith, which endures despite the typical rejection she faces from scornful Israelites. Whether we identify more with the privileged disciples or the marginalized Canaanite woman, we cannot mistake God's universal invitation to believe in the One who saves us.

REJECTED

At one time or another, we have all been rejected or ridiculed, left out of a conversation, or not invited to a party. It hurts to be excluded. God makes all things new, though, and our scriptures today invite us to turn over our aching hearts to the Lord. Some of us might feel reluctant to give our hearts to the Lord, especially if our suffering somehow involves God or the Church. Why pour out hearts to God, after all, if God seems to be the cause of our troubles? A tragic loss, a painful death, or an unavoidable catastrophe can disrupt or destroy our life plans. When people clumsily console us then, saying, "It's God's will," we can easily become suspicious of God and the almighty will. If we suffer from the sinful structures or actions of God's representatives and ministers in the Church, we might look with skepticism at the prayers of that same Church.

Even so, our Canaanite woman today persuades us not to lose hope. The disciples scorn her, complaining that she "keeps calling" out for help. Like irritable children, the disciples ask Jesus to "send her away." And just when we might expect Jesus to take her side, to scold the disciples and reward the woman's persistence, he shocks us by implying she is a dog. Undaunted, the woman accepts Jesus' remark and parlays its aggression into her own forceful plea: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

ACCEPTED

The woman's faith is irresistible—to Jesus, and to us. Jesus grants her heart's desire, healing her daughter from that very moment. We too are won over by her indomitable confidence in the Lord. Truly, this woman is one of the heroes of the New Testament. When difficulties suffocate us and we feel turned away like a stray dog, we can recall the Canaanite woman's simple words: "Lord, help me."

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 56:1, 6–7
Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8
Romans 11:13–15, 29–32
Matthew 15:21–28

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