



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

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September

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2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Forgive your
neighbor's
injustice;
then when
you pray,
your own sins
will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2

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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

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.



We are the Lord's



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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

SEPTEMBER 12 - SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Birthday Blessings for Alyssa Lawrence requested by Stan Fri

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

For all Grandparents of Our Lady of Consolation requested by Naomi McDowell Byrd

Thanksgiving for God's protection of Kamsi, Michael & Chi Chi during their car accident, requested by their parents.

Repose of the Soul of Patrick Ndiangang requested by Phinoline Ndiangang

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

God's protection for Sonia Toukoulou requested by her mother

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of William H. Hubbard III requested by Stan Fri

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

Birthday Blessings for Colinthia Whyms requested by Stan Fri

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

Repose of the Soul of Robert Whyms Jr. requested by Stan Fri

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Thanking God for the life of Catherine Ndiangang requested by Phinoline Ndiangang

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of Alpha Helms Cosby requested by Stan Fri

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

The September 11 issue of the *Catholic News Herald* features information on the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection. Please take the time to read this article so that you can be better informed about the retirement and benefits plans. All registered families should soon receive information in the mail from Bishop Jugis. Please respond generously to the annual collection for Priests' Retirement and Benefits scheduled for the weekend of September 19/20.

PRAYER LIST

Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Joseph Castro
Mrs. A. Connors
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Iona & Thomas Franklin
Doris Givens
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.



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Peter asked,
“Lord,
how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35

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