



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

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September 20, 2020

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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**

8:30 AM Thursdays, Atrium of PLC

*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



### **Faith Formation registration is OPEN!**

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.

### **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.*

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

### **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 19 - SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of R. Hinton Cosby requested by Stan Fri*

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

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

*For Deacon Charles Knights' 4 Years in Heaven requested by Naomi McDowell-Byrd*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

*Thanking God for all of my blessings requested by Phinoline Ndiangang*

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

*For consolation and healing for Hyginus & Celina Okechukwu requested by Stan Fri*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Carrie Boston requested by G. Holland II*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

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

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Sophia Paul Mushi requested by Stan Fri*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;  
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9;  
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;  
Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14,  
17;  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-  
5]; Mt 21:28-32



**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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### LET GO

In our daily lives, and in prayer and worship, we encounter a God whom we don't fully understand. We sometimes meet a mysterious and surprising God, whose actions and designs are beyond us, "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Our readings this week describe the confusion, the joy, and the challenge of this encounter. The readings invite us to "let go." Isaiah invites us to let go of trying to fit God into our own comfortable ways of thinking. Paul, knowing that he might face death at any time, describes his joy over having let go of trying to control his future. Jesus' parable in the Gospel of Matthew challenges us to let go of limiting God's generosity to others. May our encounters with our mysterious but trustworthy God transform our hearts and minds, and deepen our trust in God.

### A GENEROUS GOD

The parable in today's Gospel identifies a very strong human tendency to believe that everyone should get what they deserve. If we achieve more than others, we deserve to receive more: more money, more privilege, more honor. And so we anticipate that God will reward more liberally those who have done more for God.

Jesus says that God does things differently. The full day's wage in the story is like the gift of forgiveness and salvation, shared equally and abundantly with all. The full-day laborers complained that "you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden." They resented not being placed higher than the others, refusing to accept them as equals. Jesus is saying that, among God's people, there is no such pecking order. Regardless of background or achievements, we can accept everyone as brothers and sisters, and rejoice in God's generosity to everyone.

### THE FIRST AND LAST

In today's parable, had the laborers who worked all day been paid first, they likely never would have known that the late-starters had been paid the same wage, and would not have become jealous. In the way the story is told, though, both the justice and the mercy of God are revealed. The landowner gave a just wage to those who worked all day, and he was generously merciful to those who worked less.

When Jesus says that "the last will be first and the first will be last," he points to the kingdom of God. This is a kingdom where oppression is ended and divisions between people are healed. God brings justice and mercy to a world that sorely needs them. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is called "the first and the last," the Alpha and Omega. In Jesus, the first and the last are brought together to heal God's world. When we work for justice and show mercy, we join in Jesus' healing ministry.

### TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a  
Matthew 20:1-16a

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