



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

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A VOICE CRIES OUT:
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF **ADVENT** DECEMBER 6, 2020

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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.

Please sign up on our website for Mass

Mass Schedule INDOOR

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Mass M, W, TH, F at 8:30 AM

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

Parish Office Hours M, W, TH, F 9:00-2:00

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela / Beth Pisano

Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Mass will meet at 9:00 AM in the Parish Life Center, please pre-register Monday-Friday at 5pm.

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

Morning Mass will be at 8:30 am every day except Tuesday.

Parish Council Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month.

Liturgical Commission will meet 1st Thursday of the month.

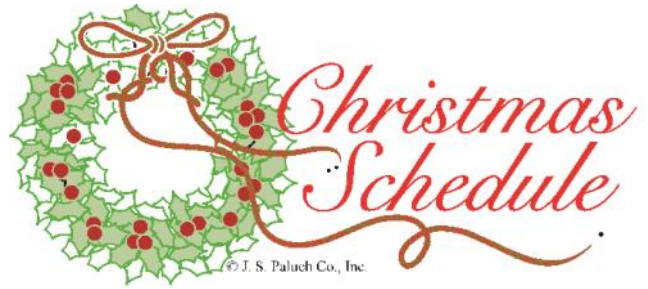
RCIA will meet virtually Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.

Please note that somebody from the Capital Campaign will be reaching out to everyone. There will be scheduled Zoom Information Sessions regarding the Capital Campaign in December. More information to follow.

Please note that our office is closed on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 for the Immaculate Conception.

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

Please remember to register on our website to attend Mass. Space is limited to a specific number due to Covid-19 restrictions. Please be kind to your neighbor and pre-register.



Immaculate Conception Mass
Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24th at 7:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

New Year's Day Mass
Friday, January 1st at 10:00 AM

Please remember to sign up online for all of our Holiday Masses, they are up now. Thank you for your cooperation.



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.



Saint 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.

**DIOCESAN
SUPPORT
APPEAL 2020**

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Your DSA donation helps your parish, all the Catholic Charities offices in western North Carolina, the educational ministries of the diocese, vocations, multicultural ministries, housing initiatives, and the annual Eucharistic Congress. It is not too late to make a contribution, donate online at: www.charlottediocese.org/dsa

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Ambrose;

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Juan Diego

Thursday: International Human Rights Day;
Hanukkah begins at sunset

Friday: St. Damasus I

Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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
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
Jalen Wilson
OLC Parishioners

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 11, 2020

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

*For God’s Healing and Blessings for Sophia Novath
Msofe requested by Stan Fri*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

For the Devlin Family and for the Repose of the Soul of their daughter Lisa requested by Chanele Jackson

For the Repose of the Soul of Rapheal Okechukwu requested by Celina Okechukwu

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

For God’s Healing and Blessings for Michael Ibrahim Kimario requested by Stan Fri

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

For the Holy Souls in Purgatory requested by Stan Fri

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020

For God’s Blessing on Jackie Diouf as she begins her journey in the Marines requested by Youth In Action (announced 11/22/20)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

For God’s Healing of Amy Morgan-Henry requested by Felicia Henry-Payne

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of Florence Parks Fri requested by Stan Fri

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul Barbara Fri Hubbard requested by Stan Fri

Second SUNDAY of Advent



December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

COMFORT

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom?” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

DON’T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests—necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the sacrament of penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm 85:9–10, 11–12, 13–14
2 Peter 3:8–14
Mark 1:1–8

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