



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

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AND A GARDEN MAKES ITS GROWTH SPRING UP,  
SO WILL THE LORD GOD MAKE JUSTICE AND PRAISE  
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ISAIAH 61:11



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 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 are scheduled Zoom Information Sessions regarding the Capital Campaign going on now. Please check our website for details.

Please note that our office is closed December 23rd - December 28th for the Christmas Holiday.

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.**



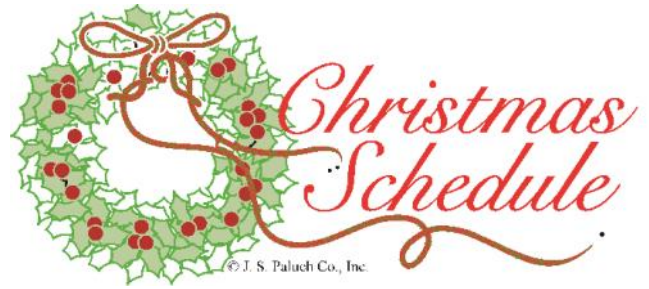
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If you are interested in our newly formed Prayer Line, please check out our website at [www.ourladyofconsolation.org](http://www.ourladyofconsolation.org) to sign-up or call the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00 for more information.

**DIOCESAN  
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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](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa)



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.*



### **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.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Make a difference.** "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**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

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent  
Monday: St. John of the Cross  
Wednesday: Las Posadas begins

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 18, 2020**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of William Parks Fri requested by Stan Fri*

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

*For the Repose of the Soul of Marie Dioh requested by the Diouf Family*

*For the Repose of the Soul of Theo Abbott requested by Mary Abbott & Theo Abbott, Jr.*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020**

*For God's Healing and Blessings for Hadija Juma Mohamed requested by Stan Fri*

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020**

*For God's Healing of Simone de la Coudray requested by Zeta Kenner*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

*For God's Blessings on the Beavogui and Kaliyogui Families requested by the Nwatchou Family*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020**

*For God's Healing and Blessings for Simone de la Coudray requested by Stan Fri*



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## REPENTING AND REJOICING

The readings this week bear a certain similarity to those of last week—we hear a prophecy from Isaiah that is reiterated by John the Baptist in Mark’s Gospel—but today the focus is different. Last week John told us to repent. Today he is the light leading us to God. Today is also known as “Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday,” as the reading from First Thessalonians commands us to “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We are to rejoice. Right now. Combined with last Sunday, this seems like a mixed message. “Which is it? Repenting or Rejoicing?” But John is telling us that one leads to the other. As we prepare for the coming of our Savior we must first repent and then rejoice.

### A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

Many years ago, Canadian singer Ann Murray had a hit song that spoke of her frustrations as she listened to the radio and read the headlines. She sang that “we sure could use a little good news today.” It strikes me that this is the message that the readings want us to leave with this week. The Gospel Antiphon proclaims, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor” (from Isaiah 61:1 and Luke 4: 18). John the Baptist is here to testify to the light, to the Good News.

### WILL THE REAL MESSIAH PLEASE STAND UP?

The Jewish people were waiting for their messiah, they were waiting for a hero. They prodded John several times trying to figure out what his role actually was, and to see what he knew. It became a guessing game. He tried to say nothing, but finally answered in a humble fashion, “I am not he.” He baptized with water as a means of leading people to the coming Christ and helping them to prepare. He somehow avoided the trappings of success that would turn his light on himself. Today he remains a road sign for us, pointing out Christ our Light.

We all want someone to rescue us, and most likely to fix the mistakes and errors that we continue to make as individuals and as nations. Much of that is human nature. Would there be as much fascination with superheroes if this were not the case? How many times do you as an adult turn to your folks for advice, or wish you could talk to a deceased parent? Some need help emotionally, others spiritually, others financially. The reality is that it is tough to get your “ducks in a row” and always has been. Today’s encouraging message is for us to always look to the Light for our help. May we always be like John the Baptist and testify how Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, has been our Savior.

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