

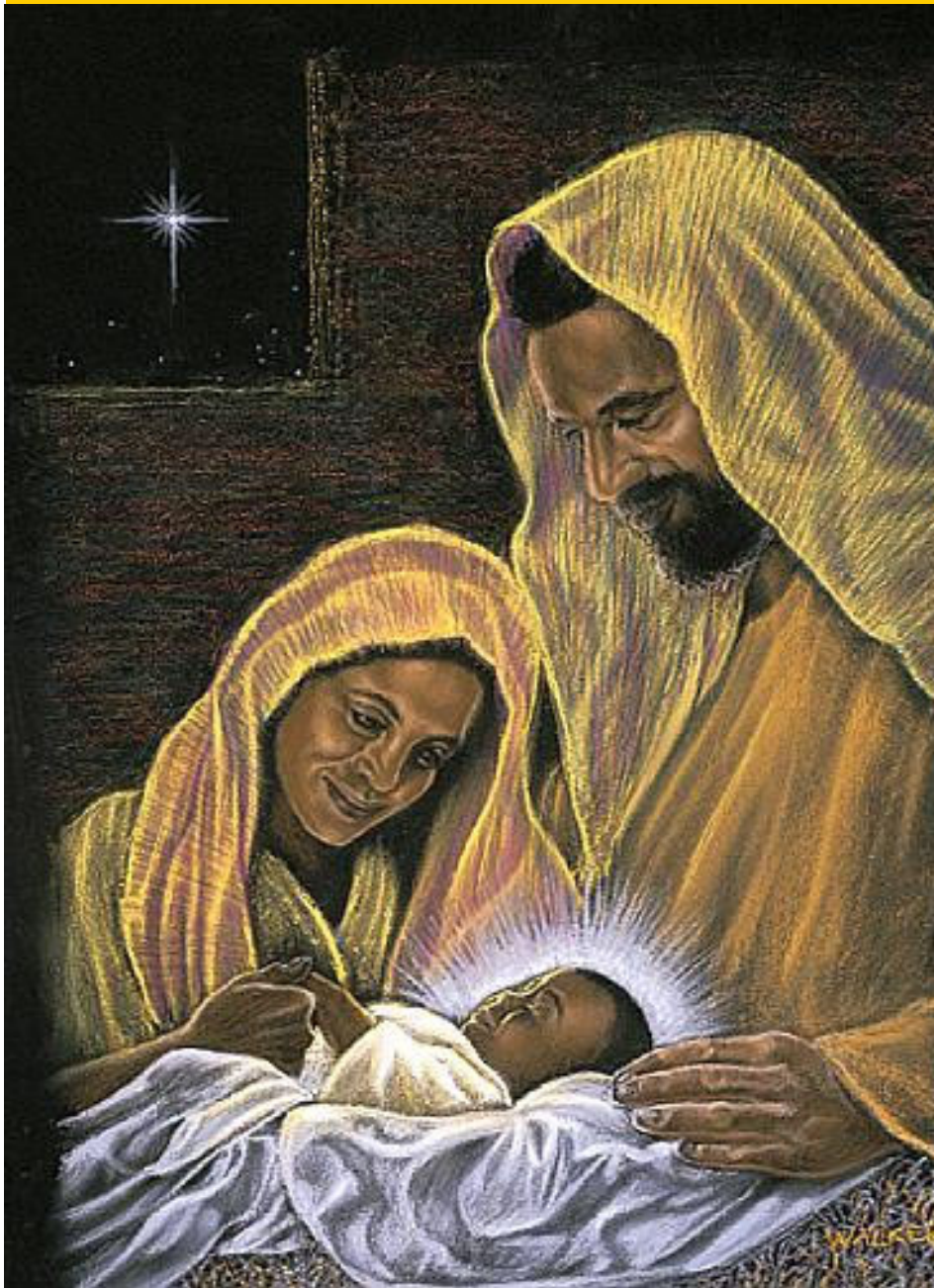


Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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December 25, 2016
Nativity of the Lord



Mass Schedule/Intentions

Saturday Dec. 24
5:00 PM -

Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Esther N. Amaechi requested by Felicia Oduh

8:00PM

Sunday Dec. 25

10:00AM

Tues. Dec. 26 8:30AM

Wed. Dec. 27, 8:30AM

Thur. Dec. 28, 8:30AM

Fri. Dec. 29 8:30AM

Reconciliation

Saturday's 4PM or by appointment

Baptism

Class required for parents and God Parents.

Marriage

Please contact Fr. Carl Del Giudice
At least 6 months before the desired wedding date.

Parish Office

1235 Badger Ct. Charlotte NC 28206
407-375-4339

Hours of operation:

Monday 12PM - 5PM*

Tuesday - Friday 9AM - 5PM*

*Office closed Dec 22 - Jan 2 for Christmas and New Years

Office Staff

Rev. Carl Del Giudice

Pastor

Rectory 704-817-8813

Deacons

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Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd 704-817-7285

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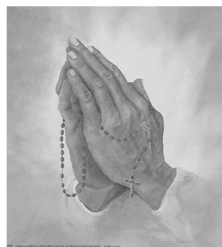
Mrs. Sarah Gross

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Glory to God on the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

~Luke 2:14

Daily Readings & Calendar Dec. 25 – Dec. 31, 2016	
Sun. Dec. 25 Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18	10:00AM Mass, Church
Mon. Dec. 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22	
Tue. Dec. 27 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8	8:30AM Mass
Wed. Dec. 28 1 Jn 1:5 -2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18	8:30AM Mass 7PM - 9PM Kwanzaa
Thur. Dec. 29 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1- 3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40	8:30AM Mass 7PM - 9PM Kwanzaa
Fri. Dec. 30 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13- 15, 19-23	8:30AM Mass
Sat. Dec. 31 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1- 2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18	4:00PM Confessions, Church 5:00PM Mass, Church



Prayer Intentions

Please Pray For:

Thomasina Carr, Lamonte Bailey, Errin Rochelle, , Carmen Pantoja-Perez, Fr. Jim Goode, Joseph Castro, Pamela Gellineau, Michele Gellineau-Green, Bennie P. Evans, June Rousseau, Maria Rousseau, Ural

Covington, Harry Baptiste, Carolyn Oates, Sr. Bessie McCarthy, Jake Suggs, Robert Collins, Jr., Lucielle Tate, Kate Truesdale, Ricky Carr, Celeste Carr, Elizabeth Nance, Janice Rucker, Jensen McDonald, Priscilla Duncan, Dilvia Sanchez, Eric Polite, Regina Delgado, Dwight Kersey, Wilhelmina White, Victor Gellineau, Idalia Brown, Alberta Foree (sister of Clair Harvey), La-Rita Alvarado, Wilhelmina Grant, Jennifer Makeeff, Alan Jones, Marianne B. Holman, Barbara Block, Deborah Hurst, Elmira House, Adele Moore, Barbara Young, Terry Vaughan, Jr. and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

If you or a member of your family is ill or recuperating, you may request a prayer shawl from our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Call Carol Gominik at 704-614-5908.

Parish Weekly Income Report

Week of Dec 12, 2016		Budgeted Amount
Offertory	\$ 6,898.85	\$ 9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 849.00	\$ 2,308.00
Building Repair	\$ 95.00	
Total	\$7,842.85	\$11,923.00

St. Martin de Porres

Thank you to all who supported the pantry this holiday season. Between November 15 and December 15 the food pantry was able to distribute boxes of food to 200 households with 100 food boxes in November for Thanksgiving and 100 food boxes in December for Christmas. This is amazing work and we are grateful for your continued support.

Please Note Parish Email Change: The email address for the Parish Office is OLCCharlotte@Charlottediocese.org. Please check your contact list as we are no longer able to receive email from any other address. **Parish Communication Requests** should be sent using the parish web site www.ourladyofconsolation.org.

Youth Room

There are many unclaimed items in bins and boxes in the youth room. If you feel you or your group may have items located in this room, please claim and remove them by January 16, 2017. Access to the room can be arranged through the Parish Office. All leftover items will be discarded January 17, 2017. Thank you.

Happy New Year!

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Sunday January 1 is the feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (a Holy Day of obligation in the US). It is also, know as The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; World Day of Prayer for Peace; and New Year's Day!

Masses will be:

Saturday, December 31, 2016 at 5 PM

Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 8AM and 11AM.

Please Note: There will be no daily Mass Monday Jan. 2–Friday Jan. 6. Daily Mass will resume Tuesday January 10.

PARISH NEWS

Parish Office Christmas Schedule

The parish office will be closed December 22 through January 2 for Christmas and New Years. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 9AM. Merry Christmas to all!

DSA - Our Lady of Consolation

If you have an outstanding pledge, **please complete your pledge!** payments need to be made by December 31st. If you have not yet contributed to the DSA, you can donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use. **Thank you!**

Men's Group-Hornet's Game

The OLC Men's Group invite you to attend an upcoming Charlotte Hornets vs Toronto basketball game, 7:00 pm, Jan. 20, 2017 at the Spectrum Center, Charlotte. The cost is \$30.00 per person in cash or checks made payable to OLC. Seating is on the Upper Level - sideline middle. All are invited for a fun evening!

Youth Support Group

Interested in supporting the youth of our parish by becoming a part of our group? We always invite OLC members to join us. Contact Kathryn Johnson at 704-332-7370 or Naomi Byrd at 704-595-3490 for more information.

Charlotte Catholics

Thanks to the efforts of the Black Cultural Commission, and the Social Justice group from St. Peter's, we have opened a dialog for change in Charlotte through the "Charlotte Catholics: Our Stories in Black and White" event. Thank you to everyone who came and participated in the discussion. Please continue to monitor the bulletin and web site the next event in this ongoing discussion.



Reflection

THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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Kwanzaa Charlotte 2016

All are invited to join us for family friendly festivities. Charlotte's Kwanzaa celebration will take place starting **MONDAY Dec. 26, 2016 from 7PM - 9PM** at the following locations:

Mon. Dec 26 Umoja, Greenville Memorial AME Zion 6116 Monteith Dr.
Tue. Dec, 27 Kuikichagulia Little Rock AME Zion fellowship Hall 401 N McDowell Sr

Wed. Dec 28 Ujima, Our Lady of Consolation 1235 Badger Ct
Thur. Dec 29 Ujamaa, Our Lady of Consolation 1235 Badger Ct

Fri. Dec 30 Nia Wallace Pruitt Rec Center 440 Wesley Heights Way

Sat. Dec. 31 Kuumba Kamitic Life Center 2719 Tuckaseegee Rd

Sun Jan 1 Imani Greenville Memorial AME Zion 6116 Monteith Dr.

The 2016-2017 OLC Wildcats

Basketball season is here! We have 4 teams – Girls, Pee Wees (mixed girls

and boys), Jr Boys, and Sr Boys. Practices continue Boys Wednesdays 6-8 and Girls Thursdays 6-8. Please contact Athletic Director Belinda Grier (704) 363-8941, Shawn Lawrence (704) 451-1667, immediately for more details. Please come out and cheer on our youth!

Around the Diocese

Charlotte Catholic Women's Group

All women within the Diocese of Charlotte are invited to attend the **Charlotte Catholic Women's Group January Morning Reflection on Monday, January 9th**. Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Church begins at 9am with reflection to follow at 10:30am. Our guest speaker is Fr. Cory Catron. This event is free, RSVP for the event on our website: www.charlottecatholicwomensgroup.org.

The following classes are offered at St

Matthew's, taught by Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin. Online registration available at www.stmathewcatholic.org/SMU
EPIC: The Early Church - Meets on Thursday's Jan 12 to March 23 7PM - 9PM. Ten Sessions covering the first 500 years of Church history. Cost = \$25

Catholicism 101 - Meets on Mondays starting Jan. 9th 7PM - 8:15PM. Come be refreshed by the study of the basic teachings of the Catholic Church.

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)

MACS are accepting applications for new students for the 2017-2018 school year at all schools and for all grades. *The Early Admission Round ends:* January 15th for High School (9th Grade Placement Test is Jan. 7th - registration instructions in application) January 31st for PK-8th Grades Please call the MACS Admissions Office to request an application packet or go to the MACS website at www.discovermacs.org for the application documents. For school locations and additional information please visit our website www.discovermacs.org or call the MACS Admissions Office at 704.370.3273.

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