



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

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December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent



*Jesus said to his disciples:
"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time
will come. ~Mk 13:33*

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Sacramental Information

Reconciliation

Saturday's 4PM or by appointment

Baptism

Class required for parents and godparents.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor Rev. Carl Del Giudice 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 sever or prolonged illness. In cases of extreme illness, call the parish office to arrange for anointing.

Mass Schedule/Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 2 5:00 PM—for the people of the parish

Sunday, Dec 3

8:00AM— for the special intention of the Rosary Society as requested by Yvonne Joyner

11:00AM - for the repose of the soul of Deacon Charles Knight as requested by the Deacon's association

Tuesday Dec 5 - 8:30 AM

Wednesday Dec 6 -8:30AM

Thursday Dec 7 - 7:00 PM - Vigil for the Feast of Immaculate Conception

Friday Dec. 8 - 9:00 AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Daily Readings & Calendar Dec 3 - Dec 9 , 2017

Sun. Dec 3 IS 63:16b-17,19b, 64-2:7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37	8:00AM Mass, Church 9:15AM Faith Formation, PLC 11:00AM Mass, Church 1PM Rosary Society, PLC 4PM Sports Leadership, Gym
Mon. Dec 4 Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11	5PM Basketball, PLC 7PM Bible Study, Chapel
Tue. Dec 5 Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24	8:30AM Mass 10:30AM Food Pantry 7:00PM Scouting, PLC
Wed. Dec 6 Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37	8:30AM Mass 6PM Basketball, PLC
Thur. Dec 7 Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27	8:30AM Mass 6PM Basketball, PLC 7PM Mass, Church
Fri. Dec. 8 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38	8:30AM Mass 11:30 Food Pantry
Sat. Dec. 9 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8	11AM Chat N Chew, PLC 4:00PM Confessions 5:00PM Vigil Mass

Thank you to all those who assisted me at the Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir Concert. Your care and concern for my health both that day, and after, have been a blessing.
THANK YOU! *Mary Jones*

Jesus Is The Reason

In today's world Christmas starts at Thanksgiving and ends on December 25, but the Church emphasizes this time as Advent, the season of expectation, when we prepare our hearts and lives for the Lord's coming at Christmas. You may already have such customs in your household as an Advent wreath, a Jesse tree, a manger scene, or special devotions. A German tradition called *Kristkindl* ("Christ child") involves a family passing a bowl around with each person taking a rolled-up slip of paper with a family member's name on it. For the rest of Advent that person is your *Kristkindl*, and you do a good deed for them every day, but in secret! Even young children can participate. You prepare to serve Christ by serving your *Kristkindl*: pray for them, save money to send to a good cause in their name, donate gifts to a shelter, do extra chores, adopt a needy family. Drop something you usually do at this time of year but do not enjoy. Choose an Advent custom and make it part of your daily routine.

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Parish Weekly Tithe Report

Week of Nov. 19, 2017

Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$7,461.60	\$ 9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$430.00	\$ 2,308.00
Building Repair	\$1,052.00	
Total	\$8,943.60	\$11,923.00

St Martin de Porres food pantry

A special thank you to St Marks Church and school for making us the beneficiary of their holiday canned food drive. Also thank you to the Ladies Guild, Men's Group, Rosary Society, and individual donors from the parish for their donations to the Thanksgiving box project. We are now collecting food for our annual **Christmas Box** project, preparing to help 100 households with food for the Christmas holiday. **Donations of canned vegetables, stuffing, boxed potatoes, and monetary donations for turkeys** are needed to help us fill the boxes.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 and Christopher Truesdale, Ricky Carr, Jensen McDonald, Eric Polite, 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., Thomas & Iona Franklin, James Worth, Leroy Fair, Nancy Helms, Cheryl Gellineau Smalls, Ame Cherie Cannon, Ycein Henderson, Joan Graham, Henry White, Vive Brown, George Lewis, Mildred Ledbetter, John McDowell, Douglas Duncan, Rita Gittens, Judith Bazile and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

For the repose of the soul of Reverend Mr. Charles Knight, James Worth, Keith Nmoma, Crystal Bailey Lewis, Marie Scott

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 Gominiak at 704-614-5908.

PARISH NEWS

Our Lady of Consolation Engages

December 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin. This is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 7PM on Thursday December 7th, and 9AM December 8th.

Men's Group

All Men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Group for a fellowship breakfast on Sat., Dec 9, at 9AM. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule if you are interested in attending. All are welcome!

First Sunday of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of **Christmas**. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

YIA Holiday Bake Sale

The Youth In Action will be having a bake sale December 16th and 17th after all Masses in the Parish Life Center. Donations of baked goods are appreciated and can be dropped off at the Parish Life Center Friday Dec. 15th before 4PM or on Saturday. Please see Denise Gittens-Duliepre for more information.

DSA - Diocesan Support Appeal

Only one month left to fulfill your DSA pledge. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa. Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own needs. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete



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your pledge payments by December 31st. If all pledges are paid, OLC will be \$10,013.30 short of our parish goal of \$47,789.00. If you have not yet contributed, you can donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail. Thank you for your continued support!

Bible Study

Adult bible study will meet this Monday December 4th at 7 PM in the Chapel. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible!

Ladies Guild Chat N Chew

Thank you to all who came out for the annual Chat N Chew. The event was a success and we appreciate your continued support! - OLC Ladies Guild

Reflection - God has a different Plan

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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Online Giving

In this season of gift giving to family, friends and those less fortunate, we hope you'll also consider a gift to the church. It's through donations from our parish that we are able to carry on our work.

For your convenience, we offer electronic giving options that help you contribute when you don't have cash or your checkbook, or when you're traveling during the holidays and can't attend Mass at OLC.

Our online, giving is faster and more secure than having checks or cash processed manually. Stop by the church office, or visit our website at www.ourladyofconsolation.org to learn more. Thank you for all you do to support our parish during the holidays and throughout the year.

Ministry Schedule Dec 9 & 10

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 5PM - D Givens, F Dewalt, D Brown
- 8AM - D Bond, M Chrisp, W Jackson, P Howey, S Lawrence
- 11AM - M Butler, J McElrath, S Fowler, G Hood

Readers

- 5PM - Doris Givens
- 8AM - Toni Cowsette
- 11AM - LaChone Winston, Rita Simmons

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