



Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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July 23, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule/Intentions

Saturday, July 22 5:00 PM *The repose of the soul of Justin Carr as requested by Bonita Graham*

Sunday, July 23

8:00AM- *The repose of the soul of Justin Carr as requested by Bonita Graham*

11:00AM - *The repose of the soul of Vincent Michael Gomez as requested by Catherine Gomez*

Tues. July 25

Wed. July 26

Thur. July 27

Fri. July 28

Reconciliation

Saturday's 4PM or by appointment

Baptism

Class required for parents and godparents.

Marriage

Please contact Fr. 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.

Parish Office

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

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday 8AM - 4PM



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Office Staff

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Mrs. Sarah Gross 704-375-4339

Daily Readings & Calendar July 23– 29, 2017

Sun. July 23 Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43	8:00AM Mass, Church 11:00AM Mass, Church 1:00PM Usher Board, PLC 1:00PM Greeters, Scout Room 1:00PM Ladies Auxiliary, Classroom 4:00PM Mentoring through Basketball
Mon. July 24 Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42	8:30AM Summer Camp 5PM Basketball, PLC
Tue. July 25 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28	8:30AM Summer Camp
Wed. July 26 Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18	8:30AM Summer Camp 6PM Basketball, PLC
Thur. July 27 Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17	8:30AM Summer Camp 6PM Basketball, PLC 6PM Choir Practice, Church
Fri. July 28 Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23	8:30AM Summer Camp 11:30AM Food Pantry, PLC
Sat. July 29 Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42	4:00PM Confessions 5:00PM Vigil Mass

Parish Weekly Tithe Report

Week of July 2, 2017 Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$ 9075.75	\$ 9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$ 365.00	\$ 2,308.00
Building Repair	\$ 2260.10	
Total	\$11,700.85	\$11,923.00

St Martin de Porres Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of donations of non perishable goods to be given to those in need. Vegetables and cereal is the greatest need.

Interested in volunteering to pack and distribute food boxes? Please call Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956



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, Celeste Carr, Janice Rucker, Jensen McDonald, Priscilla Duncan, Dilvia Sanchez, Eric Polite, Regina Delgado, 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, Florine Dennis, Joan Graham, Henry White, Janice Rucker 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 Gomiak at 704-614-5908.

To love someone deeply gives you strength. Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

~Lao Tzu

Faith Formation – A resource for the instruction of children in the Catholic faith

The teaching of the Catholic faith to children is the privilege and responsibility of every parent who requests baptism for their child. **Faith Formation classes, lead by catechists, are offered each Sunday September –May for children pre k through high school.** If you were in the faith formation program last year, simply stop by the faith formation table and let the catechists know you will be returning. If you would like to join our program, stop by the table and register, or go online to www.ourladyofconsolation.org and fill out a registration form. All are welcome and wanted.

Living Stewardship Now

Where has the word of God landed in the good soil of your life, and how does it bear fruit?

Where has it been choked out or lost?

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PARISH NEWS

Usher Quarterly Meeting

The Usher Quarterly Meeting will be held TODAY at 1pm July 23, 2017 in the Parish Life Center. All Ushers are required to attend. Potluck lunch will be provided.

Attention Parish Commissions, Groups and Ministries!

The new fiscal year started July 1, 2017 and we need information from a few parish groups. Please submit your budget form with planned budget line items and facility request form for the meeting time and place of your group or commission *immediately*. Those who do not submit facility use forms for 2017-2018 can lose their meeting spots and times. Forms are on the parish web page at www.ourladyofconsolation.org. Thank you

Thank You From Youth In Action

Thank you for all who supported the Youth In Action trip to the Black Catholic Congress. It was life changing for our students. They will have a Mass of Thanksgiving, including an encore performance of what was presented at Congress, in September followed by slide presentations of the trip. The students are grateful for the support and chance to attend this event.



DSA

The summer months are difficult for many Catholic Charities clients.

They depend on help from our food pantries to feed their children who are home from school. Your DSA gifts help Catholic Charities provide hope to hundreds of clients each month. You can donate online at www.charlottediocese.org/dsa or by returning the pledge form that you received in the mail.

As of today 149 of our 450 parishioners have contributed, raising \$26,281.45, Our goal is \$47,789.00.

Reflections

The Mercy, Power, and Love of God

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over

and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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Challenge to Change

At this time of the year it is easy to see today's Gospel in practice. Farmers and gardeners sowed, weeded, fertilized, and watered, and now begin to see the fruits of their labor. They sowed more seed than they actually needed, as nature is generous but also wasteful: no one who grows plants can tell you how many will survive and produce seed of their own. The parable of the sower, like all Jesus' parables, stands conventional wisdom on its head and offers layers of new meaning. In Jesus' day, the way of righteousness was spelled out in the Jewish scriptures. The person who lived as a pious Jew, following the Law of Moses, could be assured of many blessings. Yet, as Jesus often demonstrated, following the rules and living the life are not the same thing. Why does the seed of the word not bear fruit in everyone who hears it? Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah, who describes people as dull of hearing with their eyes shut. Jesus explains this as a form of self-protection. If people *really* hear and *really* see, they might have to change. We may hear this Gospel with a hint of complacency. It is possible to hear this parable and enjoy it as a simple tale. After all, we understand it, and we are not like the rest. But is this true? Do we really hear the word? Are

we really seeking its meaning *for us*? Do we allow it to take root in the good soil in our lives, or do we push it to the edges or let it get choked out by other priorities? Disciples are the ones who water and nurture it, and ask Jesus to help them produce abundant fruit.

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North End Community Meeting

There is a community wide meeting at Greenville Community Center, 1330 Spring St. Charlotte NC 28206, on Thursday July 27, 2017 from 6PM - 8PM. If you are a member of the North End Smart District you are invited to attend.

Mass at Charlotte Douglas Airport

Charlotte Airport Chaplaincy has Mass at the Charlotte Douglas Airport on Sunday's at 8:30AM and 10:30AM. All are welcome to attend.

Marriage Help –

Retrouvaille can help you repair your hurting marriage. For confidential information or to apply to attend the program beginning with a weekend on September 22, 2017 call 800-470-2230 or email: retrouvaille@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

Catholic Charities Regional Office Director (Charlotte, NC)

Catholic Charities seeks energetic and innovative administrator/manager to lead multi-service and multilingual main service location in Charlotte, NC. Ideal position for leader with graduate degree, significant cross-cultural awareness, at least 5 years of human services supervisory experience, and ability to cultivate close working relationships with local Catholic parishes and schools. Cover letter and resume (2 pages maximum) must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017 to ahloesch@charlottediocese.org. No telephone calls, please. Job description at ccdoc.org/jobs.

"It is fundamentally important that we promote greater empathy in society, and not remain indifferent to our neighbor's cry for help."

~ Pope Francis

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