



Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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December 17, 2017
Third Sunday of Advent



*Rejoice in the Lord
always;
again I say, rejoice!
Indeed the Lord is near!*

~Philippians 4:4-5

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 severe or prolonged illness. In cases of extreme illness, call the parish office to arrange for anointing.

Mass Schedule/Intentions

Saturday, Dec. 16 5:00 PM - *for the people of the Parish*

Sunday, Dec 17

8:00AM - *Repose of the soul of Marie Page requested by William Page*

11:00AM - *Special Intentions of the Hazell family as requested by Louise*

Tuesday Dec. 19, 8:30AM

Wednesday Dec. 20, 8:30AM

Thursday Dec. 21, 8:30AM

Friday Dec 22, 8:30AM

Parish Office

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Daily Readings & Calendar Dec 17- Dec 23 , 2017

Sun. Dec 17 —Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28	8:00AM Mass, Church <i>Bake Sale, PLC</i> 9:15AM Faith Formation, PLC 11:00AM Mass, Church <i>Bake Sale, PLC</i> 4PM Sports Leadership, Gym
Mon. Dec 18 - Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25	5PM Basketball, PLC 7PM Bible Study, Chapel
Tue. Dec 19 - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25	8:30AM Mass 10AM Golden Wings, PLC 7:00PM Scouting, PLC
Wed. Dec 20 - Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38	8:30AM Mass 6PM Basketball, PLC 6PM Health Ministry
Thur. Dec 21 - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45	8:30AM Mass 6PM Basketball, PLC 7PM Mass, Church
Fri. Dec. 22 - 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56	8:30AM Mass
Sat. Dec. 23 - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66	4:00PM Confessions 5:00PM Vigil Mass

Risky Business

Matthew's Gospel today tells us Joseph was betrothed to Mary. A betrothal was a much more formal arrangement than an engagement is today. A special ceremony before witnesses marked the betrothal, which was considered a binding contract. The couple might wait for a year before the bridegroom took the bride into his house and began married life. Any sexual activity during the betrothal was frowned upon. If the bride became pregnant by another man, her groom had the right to denounce her, and she would be stoned to death. The alternative was to quietly divorce her. This would have saved Joseph from shame and humiliation, but would have done nothing to protect Mary. God spoke in Joseph's dream and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. God gave the child a name—Jesus, the one who saves. It was usual in Jewish families for the father to name a child; this child was named by his heavenly Father, but brought through adoption into Joseph's family, descendants of David. Joseph could have ignored the dream, just as Mary could have refused the message of the angel that she was chosen to bear the Messiah. Joseph took a risk and said "Yes" to God without regard for what the outcome might be. Not all women have a "just man" like Joseph to do the right thing and stand by them during the challenges of pregnancy and birth. Not all women have the resources to cope with single motherhood or with a child's mental or physical disabilities. Some have trouble even putting food on the table for a growing family when times are hard. Take a risk like Joseph and commit to offering help. ~Copyright World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Parish Weekly Tithe Report

Week of Dec. 3, 2017

Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$7,500.20	\$ 9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$350.00	\$ 2,308.00
Building Repair	\$1,172.00	
Total	\$9,372.20	\$11,923.00

St Martin de Porres food pantry



Thank you to all those who supported the Christmas food-box project. With your assistance we were able to provide 100 households with a box of food for the Christmas

holiday. Thank you!

Weekly Volunteers to help with the food pantry are needed. Please see Deborah Wadsworth for more information 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, 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, Cheryl Hunt 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

Bake Sale

There is a Bake Sale in the Parish Life Center after all Masses **today** to raise money for Youth In Action activities. Please stop by and support the youth by purchasing a holiday treat!

Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild would like to thank all those who came out to support the Chat N Chew. This years event was a great success and your continued support is appreciated.

Thank you

The family of Mrs. Marie T. Scott would like to thank the members of the Consolation family who offered condolences in the form of calls, visits, cards, food, donations, hugs or simply heartfelt handshakes. Your support and love will forever be appreciated and remembered. May God bless all of you.
~Harry, Carol, Joanne, Charles, and family

Thank you "From Street to School" Liberia

I am overwhelmed with joy and grateful to you and your parish community for the donation of \$1,330.62 to support students in Liberia. The donation will be used to complete the first semester tuition payments for students in the "From Street to School Inc." program. As you are already aware, "From Street to School (Liberia) Inc." survives on the charity of it's donors, therefore we appreciate highly your support in keeping our kids in school.

God Bless you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
~Rev. Johnny-Clement Kombo

Rejoice

Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God's coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God's coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today's readings are full of joy. Mary's Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist.

Ministry Schedule 4th Sunday of Advent Dec 23 & 24

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5PM - D. Brown D. Givens, F. Dewalt Host
11AM - H. Okechukwu, E. Rose, K. Mukoko, D. Sanchez, M. Butler

Readers

5PM -Deloris Brown
11AM - Dagny McDonald, Clair Harvey

BLACK LIVES MATTER

November 2017- November 2018

We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

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Support Our Wildcats!

OLC Athletic Association is having a Chinese Auction on Saturday January 20, 2018 in the Parish Life Center from 3PM-5PM. Come out and SUPPORT the Wildcats! Have some FUN & WIN, WIN, WIN!!!

Shopping is from 12:00 pm to 1:00pm - Auction Starts at 1:30pm. Ticket price \$5 (for pack of tickets)

For more information please see Belinda Grier 704 363-8941, Shawn Lawrence 704 451-1667, Bettye Wilson 704 351 8297 or Beverly Rumley 706-573-3380

Bible Study

Adult bible study will meet this Monday December 18th at 7 PM in the Chapel. BYOB - Bring Your Own Bible!

Reflection -

Save the Date for Kwanza Celebration at OLC

The Kwanza Celebration at OLC (sponsored by the Black Cultural Commission) will be Wednesday Dec. 27th and Thursday Dec 28 at 7PM in the Parish Life Center. Save the date and plan to come join us!

Online Giving

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 fast and secure, 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.

Living Stewardship Now

"We must wait for God, long, meekly, in the wind and wet, in the thunder and lightning, in the cold and the dark. Wait, and he will come. He never comes to those who do not wait." ~F.W. Faber (1814-1863)

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