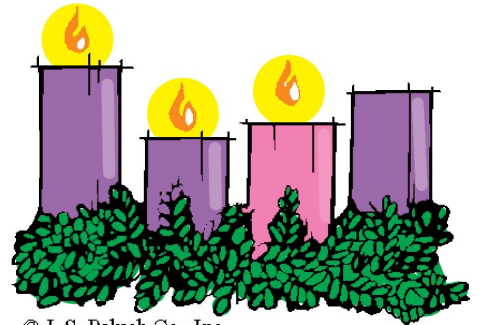




## Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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*Sunday, December 16, 2018*  
*Third Sunday of Advent*



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### Parish Office

1235 Badger Ct Charlotte, NC 28206  
[OLCCharlotte@charlottediocese.org](mailto:OLCCharlotte@charlottediocese.org)

#### Office Hours

**Mon. - Fri. 8:30AM - 4:30PM**

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Office: 704-375-4339

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Curtiss Todd  
704-817-7285

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704-375-4339

Administrative Assistant:

Sarah A. Gross 704-375-4339

Music Ministry: Erick Massey and  
Michelle Wylie



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### Sacraments

#### Reconciliation

Saturday's 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 the parish office to request anointing.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - All are invited to Adoration the First Friday of the month, December 7th, after morning Mass, until 12 noon to spend private quality time in the presence of Christ.

**Daily Readings and Mass Intentions  
December 16 – December 22, 2018**

**Sun. Dec 16** - Mass

**8:00AM** - repose of the soul of Virginia Keating as requested by Elizabeth Keating

**11:00AM** - In Thanksgiving for all the blessings of the Lord as requested by Felicia Oduh

**Mon. Dec 17** - Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
Mass 8:30AM - for the intentions of Keira Keating as requested by Elizabeth Keating

**Tue. Dec 18** - Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

**Wed. Dec 19** - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Mass 6:30PM - for the intentions of Hannah Keating as requested by Elizabeth Keating

**Thur. Dec 20** - Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Mass 8:30AM -

**Fri. Dec 21** - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Mass 8:30AM -

**Sat. Dec 22** - 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Mass 5:00PM -

**Mass Intentions**

Please contact the office to offer Masses for your loved ones: praying for the deceased, birthdays, anniversaries and other events. Every Mass should have an intention.

**Masses for Christmas  
Monday Dec 24, 2018 - 8PM  
Tuesday Dec 25, 2018 - 10AM  
Masses for New Years Day Solemnity of Mary  
Mon. Dec. 31, 2018 6PM Vigil Tue. Jan1, 2019**

**Kwanzaa Celebration**

The Black Cultural Commission of OLC will host two nights of the week long Charlotte Kwanzaa Celebration in the Parish Life Center at OLC Dec. 30 & 31, 2018 from 7PM - 9PM. This community event is free of charge, and is celebrated at many locations. Information is available in the vestibule or by emailing [kwanzaacharlotte@gmail.com](mailto:kwanzaacharlotte@gmail.com)

*Please Note:* All parishioners are invited to begin their Kwanzaa night by celebrating the Mass in the church. There will be vigil Mass in church for the Holy Day of Obligation Dec 31 at 6PM.

**Cameroon Situation**

Fr. Basile asks us to continue to pray for the 1.6 million displaced Cameroonians in the SW and NW of the country who are suffering as refugees in neighboring Nigeria. Please also pray for those killed in the conflict.

**Parish Weekly Tithe Report**

**Week of Dec 2, 2018**

Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$9,108.08	\$9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$325.00	\$2,308.00
Building Repair	\$1,234.00	
Online Giving	\$225.00	
Total	\$10,892.08	\$11,923.00

**Forgot your giving envelope?**

OLC has online donations options available at [www.ourladyofconsolation.org](http://www.ourladyofconsolation.org).

**St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry**

We are collecting food donations for our Christmas food box project. Please place donations of non-perishable food in the shopping cart in the vestibule of the church. We will be giving food to 100 households in need. If you or someone you know needs food this Christmas, please contact us at 704-817-8813 Tuesday 10:30AM – 12:30PM or Fridays 11:30AM - 1PM. Monetary donations are also gladly accepted to defray costs. Checks can be made to St Martin de Porres with Christmas in the notation. 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, Jensen McDonald, Eric Polite, Victor Gellineau, Idalia Brown, Alberta Foree (sister of Clair Harvey), La-Rita Alvarado, Jennifer Makeeff, Alan Jones, Marianne B. Holman, Barbara Block, Deborah Hurst, Elmira House, Adele Moore, Barbara Young, Terry Vaughan, Jr., Thomas & Iona Franklin, Nancy Helms, Cheryl Gellineau Smalls, Ame Cherie Cannon, Ycein Henderson, Vive Brown, George Lewis, Mildred Ledbetter, John McDowell, Douglas Duncan, Rita Gittens, Judith Bazile, Cheryl Hunt, Teresa Park Thurman, John Chrisp (father of Marcie Chrisp), Nicholas Pope, Robin Plummer, Henry Wallace, Almeda Kee, Diane Taylor, Joan Graham, Viola Frances, and all the special intentions of our parishioners.

**Prayer Shawl**

*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**

### **Christmas Gift Bags**

The Girl Scout Troop 464, Boy Scout Troop 172, and Youth In Action are collecting items for gift bags to be given to children staying at the Center of Hope Women's shelter this holiday season. The goal is to pack and give 100 gift bags. Your donations of large gift bags, toys, games, toothbrushes, wash cloths, feminine hygiene products, socks, hats, gloves, scarves, ect. can be placed in the box available in the vestibule. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase items for this project. Please drop off all items in the box by Tuesday, December 18th. Thank you for sharing your blessings with these children.

### **Ministry help wanted**

Would you like to experience a higher level of servanthood ? Consider the following ministries:

**Reader of the Word or Extraordinary Minister of Communion.** For more information contact Otelia Young [otelia45@bellsouth.net](mailto:otelia45@bellsouth.net)

**OLC Stewardship Ministry.** For more information contact James Collins at 704-965-6398 or [james19729259@att.net](mailto:james19729259@att.net).

**Ushering.** The Usher Ministry needs your help! We have open positions at all Masses. Please consider joining our enthusiastic family. Contact Pat McDonald, 704-597-1784. All are Welcome

### **OLC Athletic Association**

Sign up for the 2018-2019 OLC Wildcats basketball season has begun! All interested youth ages 5-16 please contact OLC Athletic Director Belinda Grier at 704-363-8941. Team practice is held on Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 at the OLC Parish Life Center. Games are on Saturdays at several church league gyms. We have the uniforms, coaches and equipment. We just need you! Interested church members please contact Belinda Grier at 704-363-8941.

### **Christmas Nativity Play and Parish Party**

The Parish is invited to come to the First Annual Christmas Nativity Pageant presented by Faith Formation students in the Parish Life Center December 16, 2018 at 3PM.

#### **Parish Christmas Party**

Christmas Party following the Children's Christmas Pageant December 16. All are invited to attend

### **Birthday Party**

There will be a birthday party for Fr. Basile Sunday, December 23rd after the 11AM Mass in the Parish Life Center.

### **DSA Update**

Only a few weeks left to fulfill your DSA pledge. If you have an outstanding pledge, please complete your pledge

payments by December 31. Our ministries and our parish are counting on you, and thank you for your support. If you have not yet contributed, you can make a one-time donation online at [www.charlottediocese.org/dsa](http://www.charlottediocese.org/dsa). Remember, any amount over our goal will be returned to the parish for our own use.

Parish Information as of November 30, 2018

Total assessment for OLC = \$48,768.00

Total received = \$40,521.00

Total outstanding pledges = \$1,993.77

Total number of donors = 178

Thank you for your continued support!

### **Golden Wings Presents - The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum**

The Golden Wings are planning 5 days and 4 nights to visit the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and more in the Cincinnati Area. If you are interested in joining this trip, please contact Robert Douglas at 704-597-2443.

### **Reflection - REJOICE!**

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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### **Around the Diocese**

#### **WWME World Wide Marriage Encounter**

Take time for your marriage by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Feb 1-3, 2019 in COLUMBIA, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact us at [applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org](mailto:applications@NCMarriageDiscovery.org) or 704-315-2144.

<b>Ministry Schedule</b>	<b>Readers</b>
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Saturday Dec 22 5PM -
Saturday Dec 22 5PM -	D. Brown
T. Barnett	Sunday Dec 23 8AM -
Sunday Dec 23 8AM -	H. Scott
M. Carter	Sunday Dec 23 11AM -
Sunday Dec 23 11AM -	L. Johnson, S. Fri
R. Delgado	

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