



# Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

THE SON OF MAN WILL COME
WITH HIS ANGELS IN HIS FATHER'S GLORY,
AND THEN HE WILL REPAY ALL ACCORDING TO THEIR CONDUCT.

Matthew 16:27

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#### **Sacraments**

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays—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 <u>and email</u> the parish office to request anointing.

Mass Schedule
OUTDOOR MASS
9:00 AM
FAMILY LIFE PARKING LOT

Tune into our website on Sundays for Mass with Father Basile Sede Please sign up on our website for Mass

Parish Office Hours—Wednesday 9:00-12:00

During the Covid-19 Outbreak, please send an email to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org with any questions.

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede Secretary: Colleen Kudela Maintenance: Joseph McGuire

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

#### **Parish Weekly Tithe Report**

#### August 23, 2020

Budgeted Amount

Offertory	\$6,565.75	\$9,615.00
Deficit Reduction	\$224.97	\$2,308.00
Maintenance	\$255.53	
Online Offertory	\$3,576.91	
Total	\$10,367.63	(\$1,556)

#### Interested in online donations?

Check out the OLC online donation options available at www.ourladyofconsolation.org.

Just click the giving link to get started!

#### **Faith Formation registration is OPEN!**

No fees at this time. There will be a second posting for fee payments. Yes, this year will be different. You have already experienced our first package sent home. First Communion Liturgy was a challenge. It is posted on Facebook. We look for feedback.

We are currently planning a hybrid approach to faith formation, emphasizing "Family Catechesis".

Stay tuned, or call the parish office for more information. We are prayerfully proceeding. Please, we urge you to register TODAY.

Thank you.

#### **PARISH NEWS**

Bible Study will meet virtually Sundays at 9:45 am and Mondays at 7:00 pm.

Parish Council Meetings 1st Tuesday of the month.

Liturgical Commission will meet 1st Thursday of the month.

RCIA will meet virtually Wednesdays at 7:15 pm.

Please continue to tithe during this difficult time.

Ministry leaders should utilize Zoom platform for video conference for meetings. Please email the office with any questions.

Please contact your Ministry Leaders with any questions or to see if you will meet with an online streaming platform or conference call.

# MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 22 -28, 2020

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

For Blessings and Healing for Cylivia Novah Msofe requested by Stan Fri

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020**

For the Repose of the Soul of Vashti Woodson requested by Deborah Wadsworth

For the Repose of the Soul of Earl Walker requested by Deborah Wadsworth

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2020

For Gods Healing and Mercy upon Rodney Felder and Mallory Felder, Jr. requested by Mallory and Deborah Felder

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of Robert Whyms III requested by Stan Fri

#### FRIDAY. SEPTEMBER 4. 2020

For the Repose of the Soul of Aliya Sebastian requested by Stan Fri

Mass Intentions - Please contact the office or email olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org to offer Masses for your loved ones: praying for the deceased, birthdays, anniversaries and other events.

Every Mass should have an intention.



#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday**: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday**: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday**: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk

4:38-44

**Thursday**: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6;

Lk 5:1-11

**Friday**: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40;

Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday**: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-21; Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday**: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10;

Mt 18:15-20



If you are interested in our newly formed Prayer Line, please check out our website at www.ourladyofconsolation.org to sign-up or call the office on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00 for more information.

#### PRAYER LIST

Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Josesph Castro
Mrs. A. Connors
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Iona & Thomas Franklin
Doris Givens
Fr. Jim Goode
Theresa Greenley
The House Family
Alan W. Jones
Cassandra Lambert
Sammuel Lambert

George Lewis
Vilma Males
Edward Marsh Jr.
John McDowell
Sr. Bessie McCarth
Patricia North
Robin Plummer
Julius Rose, Sr.
Janice Rucker
Lee Anne Rucker
Angela Smith
Jake Suggs
Diane Taylor

### **A PRAYER for OLC Capital Campaign**

Here we stand Lord, boldly asking for your favor as we endeavor to affirm to you, our ancestors and to our community – that we are worthy of the task that is before us! We **will** rebuild this, your house as a testament to your faithfulness and love. The time is now!

Help us to be as one in our faith, our resolve and our renewed commitment to live and serve as Your Beloved Community. Lord, unite us now!

And, when we grow weary and our faith is tested, please remind us that our " ... circumstances are no match for Your great power." (Psalm 91: 1)

And, when setbacks come, as they surely will, and we are disheartened, remind us of the words of your prophet – "For I know the plans I have for you...plans to prosper you...plans to give you hope and a future..." (Jeremiah 29:11), and

Finally, help us now to stand, work, and be faithful – together – believing that [We] can do all things through Christ that strengthens [us]. (*Philippians 13:4*).

May Our Lady of Consolation continue to intercede for us now and forever and ever! Amen!



#### St Martin de Porres Outreach Ministry

The food pantry operates two days per week giving food to those in need. If you need assistance with food, or know someone who does, please call 704-817-8813. We are open on Tuesday from 10:00AM - 12:00PM for appointments only.

Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.

Please notify the Parish Office to have yourself or a family member placed on the Prayer List for the New Year. Names will appear through the calendar year. You can email your request to olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org or call the parish office.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

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#### SUFFERING

Suffering. We all know it. It is an inescapable part of the human experience. Our readings today help us understand what to do with suffering, how to redeem it for eternal glory. In a tenderly poetic passage, the prophet Jeremiah clings to the Lord, despite the suffering and hatred he endures in God's service. Since speaking on behalf of the Lord is the cause of his anguish, Jeremiah flirts with the idea of giving it all up, of abandoning his ministry. But God is "too strong," and Jeremiah remains faithful even in violent times. He knows, as the psalmist sings, that there is no life without God, for whom our souls thirst. Saint Paul acknowledges the universality of suffering and urges us to offer our suffering to God. God alone can transform our pain, our "crosses," into good for others, just as God redeemed the ultimate suffering of Jesus.

#### OFFER IT UP!

As Saint Paul says, we can offer our personal experiences as a "living sacrifice." Let's offer up our daily prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings. Let's unite our sacrifices to the perfect sacrifice of Jesus we celebrate in the Eucharist. Our sacrifices—little or big, happy or sad—become the stuff of miracles. Consider the example of the loaves and fishes we read about a few weeks ago. Jesus' tender heart pities the hungry crowds. Jesus asks the disciples to offer anything they can spare. Using the ridiculously inadequate offering of five loaves and two fish, Jesus goes to work. He blesses their offering, breaks it, and uses it to satisfy thousands. Baskets overflow. Jesus uses a tiny offering and transforms it into real help for people in need.

We too can offer sacrifices for Jesus to transform. When we are confronted with problems we know we can't solve, Jesus remains calm. He asks us to give what we can. Often, we have no confidence. We scoff at our own pathetic attempts. We cannot imagine how God could possibly use our boring little sacrifices of dishwashing, caregiving, or e-mail-managing to bless the world. But Jesus takes whatever we offer. He blesses it. He breaks it. He transforms it into grace for ourselves and for all people in need.

#### PRAISE GOD!

The mystery of redemptive suffering transforms our lives, but it is not an easy mystery to accept. Suffering is not attractive. Especially when suffering afflicts innocent people, we cry out to God for justice and relief. Jesus' words today penetrate our

hearts: "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." We beg the Lord to accept our suffering, then, and to transform it in ways we cannot imagine. Embracing the details and crosses of daily life, we look forward to the day when Jesus comes in glory, revealing to us how he used our sacrifices to bless the world.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

Jeremiah 20:7–9 Psalm 63:2–6, 8–9 Romans 12:1–2 Matthew 16:21–27

