Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church

Of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Charlotte

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When Jesus saw the vast crowd,
his heart was moved
with pity for them,
for they were like sheep
without a shepherd.

MARK 6:34

Sixteenth Sunday *in Ordinary Time*

JULY 18, 2021

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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 and email the parish office to request anointing.

Mass Schedule

Sundays at 8AM & 11AM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 8:30 AM

Tune into our website on Sundays for Live-Stream or pre-recorded Mass

Sacraments

Parish Office Hours M, W, F 9:00-2:00

Pastor: Rev. Basile Sede

Secretary: Colleen Kudela / Beth Pisano

Music: Erick Massey & Michelle Wylie

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

Gladys Hood
She celebrated her 81st birthday on July 4th. Happy Birthday Gladys!

PRAYER LIST

Larry Bass
Deborah Bond
Mr. Josesph Castro
Gwendolyn Cathey
Mrs. A. Connors
Wendy Cutting
Florine Dennis
Robert Douglas
Iona & Thomas Franklin
Doris Givens
Fr. Jim Goode
Theresa Greenley
Edward Hood
The House Family
Alan W. Jones
Cassandra Lambert
Sammuel Lambert
George Lewis
Vilma Males
Edward Marsh Jr.
John McDowell
Sr. Bessie McCarth
Patricia North
Carmen Pantoja-Perez
Robin Plummer
Julius Rose, Sr.
Lee Anne Rucker
Kim Sargeant
Angela Smith
Jake Suggs
Diane Taylor
Jacqueline W
Jalen Wilson
OLC Parishioners

PARISH NEWS

Sunday Mass will meet at 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM in the Parish Life Center, it is no longer required to pre-register online.

Deacon Todd will host a series of Mini Workshops/ Retreats in the Parish Life Center in August. Please register online, in our Atrium or call the office or by clicking HERE.

Parents of Confirmation Candidates. There will be a meeting on July 25th at 10:00 am to meet our Confirmation Catechist, Mr. Young. Please pick up the required forms in the Atrium of the PLC or call the office if you need a copy and be sure to bring them to the meeting on the 25th. There is a required workshop for ALL candidates on August 28th in the Parish Life Center at 10:00 am. **The date for Confirmation Mass is Wednesday, September 29th, 6:00 PM at OLC.** Please reach out to the Parish Office with any questions.

First Holy Communicants, there will be a required workshop on August 28th in the Parish Life Center at 10:00 am.

First Holy Communion Mass will be on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 11:00 am Mass.

Sunday Bible Study will resume September 12th. Please look for more information as we strive to return to more in-person activities at that time.

COVID-19 TESTING FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

Atrium Health will provide COVID-19 testing on the **first Monday of each month** starting in March from 8:00-3:00. These events will be conducted in the parking lot of the OLC Family Life Center. Please pass the word on to friends, family and neighbors. Please note: Testing is open to all community members symptomatic or asymptomatic.

Are you up to date with your Protecting God's Children Bulletins? OLC is doing an audit of our Safe Environment system, updating our paperwork and background checks. We will be reaching out to each church volunteer to update our records. We thank you for your support and cooperation as we update our records!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 17, 2021

For the Repose of the Soul of Bill Fri requested by Stan Fri

For the 1st Heavenly Birthday of Emmanuel Okechukwu requested by Youth In Action

Sunday, July 18, 2021

For the Repose of the Soul of Elias Msafiri requested by Stan Fri

For the Heavenly Birthday of Emmanuel Chinemerem Okechukwu, may he continue to rejoice and celebrate with the saints in heaven requested by Hyginus & Celina Okechukwu

Monday, July 19, 2021

For God's Protection of the people in Nigeria who are in distress requested by the Oduh Family

Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Birthday Blessings for Dominick (Nicky) Duliepre, Jr. requested by the Duliepre & Gittens Families

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

For the Repose of the Soul of Richard Jacobs requested by Stan Fri

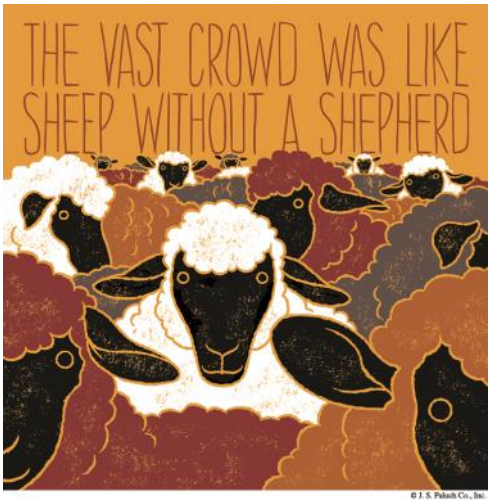
Birthday Blessings for Justin Carr requested by Bonita Graham

Thursday, July 22, 2021

Birthday Blessings for Michelle Gittens requested by the Gittens & Duliepre Families

Friday, July 23, 2021

For the Repose of the Soul of Venance Masanja requested by Stan Fri



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Saint 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 and Fridays from 11:30-1:00 for appointments only.

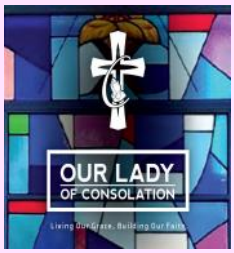
Interested in joining the food pantry team? Please contact Deborah Wadsworth at 704-231-7956.

Mini Workshops/Retreats
Host: Deacon Curtiss Todd
Saturdays from 10:00 – 12:00
Parish Life Center
August 7, 14, 21, 28
(28th time to be determined)
PLEASE BRING YOUR BIBLE

"The glory of God gives life. Those who see God receive life. For this reason, God, who cannot be grasped, comprehended or seen, allows Himself to be seen, comprehended and grasped by people, that He may give life to those who see and receive Him." St. Irenaeus

It is a generally accepted belief that God, because He is a Spirit, cannot be seen by people. Yet, one of the Doctors of our Church says that because God cannot be seen, He allows Himself to be seen, and through that sight, He gives life. Is this a contradiction? Can you see God? Are you dead without seeing Him? To answer these questions, the Parish is having a series of mini-workshops/ retreats. They will be held on Saturday mornings in August in the Parish Life Center. As the sessions will be based on Sacred Scripture, bring your Bibles and join us. If you plan on attending, please register online through our website on the News & Events tab, by calling the Parish Office, or on the signup sheets located in the Atrium of the Parish Life Center. Registration is open. We hope you can join us!

Thank you for participating in the OLC Prayer Line. The OLC Prayer Line is being renamed and re-launched for greater spiritual engagement opportunities for its attendees. Look for more exciting information and changes to come in **September 2021!**



Now is the Time

OLC Capital Campaign

Be a part of OLC's future!

Now is the Time – OLC Capital Campaign

The OLC Capital Campaign to raise funds for building renovations is reaching its goal but still needs support! Pledges received will provide support to the following capital improvements to the church campus:

PHASE 1 - Restore Learning Center
PHASE 2 - Renovate the Cafeteria/Old Assembly Building
PHASE 3 - Create Sanctuary for the Congregation's Growth

Contact the Campaign team at olccapitalcampaign@gmail.com, use our online giving located on our website to make a donation or pledge today! Our website also has a convenient online pledge form, please check it out!

On July 25th at the end of the 8:00 Mass, Youth In Action invites you to join them as they celebrate their brother in Christ,
EMMANUEL OKECHUKWU's
1st HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY.
(Emmanuel would have been 22 years old on July 17th). We continue to pray for his soul and the strength of his parents.

Remember to check the website for newsworthy information and community updates. Also, watch for your newsletter sent via email on the 1st of every month. If you're not receiving a newsletter, please contact olccharlotte@charlottediocese.org and provide email address and contact information or sign up on the front page of our website! God Bless!

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THE APOSTLES REPORTED ALL THEY HAD DONE AND TAUGHT. JESUS SAID TO THEM,

"Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

MARK 6:30, 31

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TIME FOR A TEAM MEETING

In last week's Gospel, Jesus sent the apostles out two by two. Today we see him bringing them back together, reporting "all they had done and taught." A lot has happened between then and now and in this time the disciples experienced many things. They would have grown in their ministry and their ability to heal and preach, but they probably also ran into frustrating times and encountered their limitations as human beings. If human nature prevailed, their partners were driving them nuts! So now after all this sharing, Jesus called for some balance in their lives. It was time to come away and rest. Between family and friends and social media, many of us have lost this ability to "be by ourselves" as we have become accustomed to filling every day and every moment with distractions. Perhaps one of the gifts and challenges of "sheltering in place" these last months is that we celebrated moments of joy and hope and peace but were also forced to listen to and name those voices of anger, loneliness, and fear.

WELL-LAID PLANS

It is important to have balance in our lives, and Jesus was indeed trying to teach this to the Apostles, but when they got to their intended place of repose, they encountered so many people Jesus was filled with compassion. No doubt he went about feeding them spiritually and physically; it would have been important for him to be hospitable. But at some point in time, I'm guessing that he still pulled the apostles aside and told them "Okay, people are settled now, so let's leave all the excitement, delegate the job to somebody else, and find some peace and quiet." None of us is any good at our prayer, our ministries, our lives, unless we take the time to find the quiet and go back to replenish our own wells. There is no way we can give to others unless we do. That is why we return to church each week, to rest and be nourished and renewed. And none of us is so important that we can't take time away to take care of ourselves. So be gentle with yourself and with others this week.

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 23:1–6
Psalm 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
Ephesians 2:13–18
Mark 6:30–34