

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH-VATTMANN

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Our Lady of Consolation Church—Vattmann

Mass Times

Sunday Mass: 8:00am

Daily Mass

Mon-Sat: 8:00am

Holy Hour & Confessions

Saturdays 3:00pm



Sacred Heart Mission Ricardo

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00pm



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission—Riviera

Sunday Mass 12:00 noon

Confessions

Saturday

Our Lady of Consolation

3:00pm-4:00pm,

During Adoration,

&

Available before all Masses or by appointment.

Mass Intentions		
Sat. 01-24-26	5:00pm SHM	†Blanca & †Armando Garcia--by the Blanca & Armando Garcia Family
Sun. 01-25-26	8:00am OLC	People of the Parish
Sun. 01-25-26	12 noon OLGM	†Roy Cantu—by Bill & Judy Colston †Jose B. Garza (bday)—by Mary Esther Garza & Joe Dale Ramirez †Simona N. Ruiz — by Margie Gomez & the Naranjo Family
Mon. 01-26-26	8:00am OLC	NO MASS on Mondays
Tues. 01-27-26	8:00am OLC	†Fr. Michael Ashe—by D/M Pancho Hubert
Wed. 01-28-26	8:00am OLC	Joan Geary—by D/M Pancho Hubert
Thu. 01-29-26	8:00am OLC	†Connie Robertson Boring—by Keith & Bobette Naylor
Fri. 01-30-26	8:00am OLC	†Jennifer Jo Yaklin—by the Dietz Family
Sat. 01-31-26	8:00am OLC	†Maria de Jesus Ruiz—by Maribel Caballero
WEEKLY PARISH PRAYER EVENTS		
Rosary and Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Riviera each Wednesday at 6:00pm		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is cancelled for this week due to the KKJ Livestock Show.		
Prayer works. †		
Week of January 25th—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Scriptural Reading Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 I will make you a light to the nations in order that my salvation reaches to the ends of the earth.		
Psalm 40 Here am I, Lord. I come to do your will.		
1 Corinthians 1: 1-3 Through Christ you have been called to be holy.		
John 1: 29-34 Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.		
Catechism References		
717-720, 727-730 Jesus: Anointed in the Holy Spirit.		
713 "Servant Song": Jesus give the Holy Spirit not as outsider but as servant.		
64 The New Covenant is for all.		
408 The "sin of the world."		
486 The Son is anointed by the Spirit from the beginning of his human existence.		
523, 608 The "Lamb who takes away the sin of the world."		
689-690 The joint mission of the Son and the Spirit.		
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

†Dale Yaklin, †Nita Hubert Yaklin, †Donald Strubhart, John Taggart, Pauline Taggart, Fred Yaklin, Sylvia Molina, Gerald & Marian Unterbrink, Geraldine Kuntscher, Jan Yaklin, David M. Sensenig, Jr., Fr. Jim Chambers, OMI, Debbie Unterbrink, Noe Pena, Juana Garcia

Please keep everyone on our **Prayer List** in your prayers.

Upcoming Feasts & Events for the Months of January/February 2026

Jan 25—Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Collection Church in Latin America

Feb 1—Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 2—Presentation of the Lord

Feb 3—Feast of St. Blaise

Feb 8—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

Feb 15—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb 18—Ash Wednesday

Special Collection:

Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Feb 20/21/22 Stations of the Cross Begin

Feb 22—First Sunday of Lent

The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Waiting is a Biblical Thing

Here in Sarita, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, we are finally getting our metal roof installed on the church building.

This means the parishioners and I are doing a lot of waiting, just like the parishioners and I were waiting for all the foundation work to be completed in Vattmann at Our Lady of Consolation Church last year.

And it gives me to reflect on how waiting is described in the Bible. Waiting is not passive idleness but a spiritual discipline of active dependence on God. It is framed as a period of growth, refinement, and testing that prepares believers for God's timing and purposes.

1. It can lead to Spiritual Growth and Character Building

The Bible views waiting as a "tool of grace" used by God to transform the heart.

—Refines Character: Waiting produces perseverance, which leads to character and hope (Romans 5:3-4).

—Cultivates Virtue: It is the primary environment for developing the "Fruit of the Spirit," specifically patience and self-control (Galatians 5:22).

Teaches Humility: It forces an acknowledgment of human limitations and total dependence on God.
2. Here are a few figures in the Bible who waited.

Waiting is a recurring theme in the lives of central biblical figures:

—Abraham & Sarah: Waited 25 years for the birth of their son, Isaac.

—Joseph: Remained in prison for nearly 12 years before his elevation in Egypt.

—Moses: Spent 40 years in the desert before leading Israel out of Egypt.

—David: Waited years after being anointed as king while being pursued by Saul.

The Israelites: Waited 400 years for release from slavery in Egypt and generations for the Messiah.
3. Here are a few benefits for those who wait

Scripture lists specific spiritual rewards for waiting faithfully:

—Renewed Strength: "Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength... they shall run and not be weary" (Isaiah 40:31).

Divine Goodness: "The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him" (Lamentations 3:25).

4. Here are some practical examples of waiting biblically.

Waiting is often described as "active" through specific practices:

—Seeking God: Constantly through prayer and scripture meditation.

—Obedience: Continuing to do what God has already commanded while awaiting further instruction.

Hopeful Expectancy: Watching for God's action as a watchman waits for the morning (Psalm 130:5-6).

So, what does this mean for yours truly? Well, I am doing more bible study and praying the rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Because one thing that I learned from living in rural South Texas... Prayers Work!

See you in prayer! Fr. Andy Sensenig, OMI

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA—Sunday, January 25, 2026

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

CCD CLASSES CANCELLED FOR JANUARY 28th

There will be no CCD Classes this week due to the Kleberg-Kenedy County Junior Livestock Show.

	SHM Ricardo	OLGM Riviera	OLC Vattmann	Total
Week of Jan. 18th	\$ 456.00	\$534.00	\$1,737.00	\$2,727.00
Online Giving	\$ 80.00	\$ 55.60	\$ 352.60	\$ 488.20
Weekly Total	\$ 536.00	\$ 589.60	\$ 2,089.60	\$3,215.20