

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH-VATTMANN

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Office Hours: Tues/Thurs 11:00am-3:00pm

The Office is closed on Mondays for Fr. Andy's day off.



Our Lady of Consolation Church—Vattmann
Mass Times

Sunday Mass: 8:00am

Daily Mass
Tues-Sat: 8:00am



Sacred Heart Mission Ricardo
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00pm



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission—Riviera
Sunday Mass
12:00 noon

Confessions

Our Lady of Consolation
During Thursday
Adoration
&
Available before all Masses
or by appointment.

| Mass Intentions | | |
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| Sat. 05-16-26 | 5:00pm SHM | Mother's Day Novena 5/9 †Baldemar C. Basaldua—by Wife and Family †Lori Russek—by Therese & Vern Crocker †Onesimo R. Lerma—by Grandparents †Idalia R. Cantu—by the Perez-Cantu Family †Jesse Sanchez—by Ms. Ellie & Family |
| Sun. 05-17-26 | 8:00am OLC | †Marvin Schonefeld—by the Wendler Family †Bill Rudellat—by Gwen Rudellat †Mitzi Crocker—by Therese & Vern Crocker †Earl & †Luella Hubert—by Bill & Drenda Schonefeld †Mr. Otis Burroughs—by the Pat Hubert Family †Idalia R. Cantu—by the Perez-Cantu Family |
| Sun. 05-17-26 | 12 noon OLG | Mother's Day Novena 6/9 |
| Mon. 05-18-26 | 8:00am OLC | No Mass on Monday |
| Tues. 05-19-26 | 8:00am OLC | Mother's Day Novena 7/9 |
| Wed. 05-20-26 | 8:00am OLC | Mother's Day Novena 8/9 |
| Thu. 05-21-26 | 8:00am OLC | Mother's Day Novena 9/9 |
| Fri. 05-22-26 | 8:00am OLC | Fred & Elizabeth Yaklin—by Gwen Rudellat †Mary & †Joseph Batts—by the Dietz Family †Mrs. Agnes "Mitzi" Crocker—by Ellen Martin Risken †Nancy May Coleman—by David & Becky Pavelka †John & †Beatrice Schonefeld—by Bill & Drenda Schonefeld |
| Sat. 05-23-26 | 8:00am OLC | Fred & Elizabeth Yaklin—by Gwen Rudellat †Mrs. Agnes "Mitzi" Crocker—by Ellen Martin Risken |
| WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH PRAYER EVENTS | | |
| Rosary and Prayer at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission in Riviera each Wednesday at 6:00pm | | |
| Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thurs at 6:30pm, silence & prayer, confession available, & anointing when you leave. Adoration will be May 21st at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sarita. | | |
| First Friday Masses: OLC—Vattmann 8am Mass and SHM—Ricardo 6:30pm June 5th will be the next First Friday Mass. | | |
| First Sunday Rosary: OLC Fatima Shrine on the first Sunday of the month at 7:00pm. June 7th will be the next First Sunday Rosary. <i>Prayer works. †</i> | | |
| Week of May 17th — The Ascension of the Lord | | |
| Scriptural Readings Acts 1: 1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1: 17-23 Matthew 28: 16-20 | | |
| Catechism References 659-664 830-831, 849-851, 858 1120-1122 | | |
| PARISH PRAYER LIST | | |
| †Barbara Turcotte, †Maria Elena Valenzuela, †Mary Huff, John Taggart, Sylvia Molina, Fred Yaklin, Pauline Taggart, Gerald & Marian Unterbrink, Jan Yaklin, Geraldine Kuntscher, Debbie Unterbrink, Noe Pena, David M. Sensenig, Jr., Juana Garcia, Fr. Jim Chambers, OMI, Sue Schonefeld, Henry Family, Preston Bunner, Margie Naranjo Gomez, Elizabeth Yaklin <i>Please keep everyone on our Prayer List in your prayers.</i> | | |

Upcoming Feasts & Events for the Month of May 2026

May 12-21 Mother's Day Novena

May 17—Seventh Sunday of Easter— Ascension of the Lord
Senior Mass

Special Collection: Catholic Communication Campaign

May 24—Pentecost Sunday

May 25—Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Fr. Andy's Birthday

May 26—Memorial Day

May 31—The Most Holy Trinity

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Demon in Your Pocket?

Greetings everyone,

I have been reading about St. John Vianney (the Curé of Ars). It was impressive to learn he battled demons every night, and the goal wasn't to collect his soul, since he was a devout and pious priest, but their actions were to wear him out physically. This sounds eerily like a modern-day device, with which we are all familiar, and I am not talking about Pokémon, which means "pocket" monster, but television and smartphones.

Here is a breakdown of how modern use of screens (television and smartphones and their effects) parallels the challenges faced by St. John Vianney, the **Curé of Ars**:

1. Disrupting Sleep and Promoting Insomnia

The Curé of Ars: Demons physically attacked, made noise, and set his bed on fire to prevent him from sleeping, allowing him only 2-3 hours a night.

Modern Screens: The blue light emitted by smartphones, tablets, and TVs suppresses melatonin production, tricking the brain into thinking it is daytime, which leads to difficulty falling asleep. Furthermore, "doom scrolling" or binge-watching keeps the brain in a state of high alert, causing insomnia.

2. Distraction from Spiritual Growth

The Curé of Ars: The goal of the demons was to exhaust him to prevent him from fulfilling his ministry of hearing confessions for 16-18 hours a day.

Modern Screens: Smartphones and social media act as tools that pull people away from prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth, often filling silence with noise.

3. Exposure to Disturbing Content

The Curé of Ars: He suffered from terrible noises, demonic voices, and visions.

Modern Screens: Modern media frequently exposes users to violent, sexually explicit, or morally chaotic content. Some commentators argue that the consumption of such material can "open doors" to spiritual darkness and weaken a person's resolve.

4. Psychological vs. Physical Attack

The Curé of Ars: Experienced direct, physical, and audible persecution.

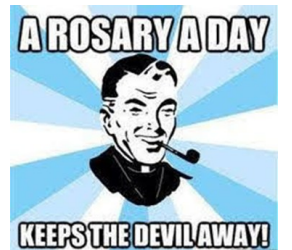
Modern Screens: The attack is often psychological, encouraging addiction, anxiety, and a "digital leash" that keeps the user constantly distracted and unable to find peace.

Summary of Parallels

While fighting temptations is often linked to incorporeal beings like demons, we can see how we must be vigilant against the temptation to spend hours on a phone before bed, causing fatigue and decreased spiritual focus, which achieves a similar goal.

Let us all call upon the Holy Spirit to receive its fruit, self-control, so we lay aside anything that stands in the way of our relationship with God.

Or use my favorite prayer! Prayers Work, my friends, especially the rosary!



2026 GRADUATING SENIORS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SENIOR GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES



ALEYDA DELAPAZ
DEYANIRA LERMA

JAYDEN HUBERT
EMMA VALENZUELA



May God bless you on your continuing path for knowledge.

SPECIAL COLLECTION MAY 2026

May 17: Catholic Communication Campaign

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

All weekly offerings include Online Giving

| | SHM Ricardo | OLGM Riviera | OLC Vattmann | Total |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Week of May 10th | \$1,395.08 | \$ 586.60 | \$1,589.60 | \$3,571.28 |

Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, will be poured into your lap.

For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." —Luke 6:38