

## The Baptism of the Lord January 11, 2026



# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 pm	OLG, Spanish
<b>Sunday</b>	7:25 am	SNDA
	9:30 am	OLG, English
	11:30 am	OLG, English
<b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b>	6:00 pm	
<b>Wed., Thurs., &amp; Fri.</b>	12:05 pm	
<b>ADORATION</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	after 6:00 pm Mass
<b>CONFESION</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	4:00-5:00 pm, or by appointment

**PARISH OFFICE** 1300 Guerra St., Phone: 361-664-2953

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 am-12:00 noon and 2:00-5:00 pm (Closed every Tuesday)

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To honor the Lord as Servants of Christ and Stewards of the mysteries of God by spreading his message of Love, Hope, Faith and Respect. In trusting his message, our diverse community will always remain united and be guided by the Holy Spirit, to encourage and support the development of the Sacramental Life and by being a community open to others that are coming in search of Christ's love and teachings.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The scene at the Jordan River is one of the most revealing moments in the Gospel. Jesus comes from Galilee to John, not surrounded by followers, but quietly, humbly, to be baptized. This moment introduces Jesus' public ministry, and yet it does so in a way that overturns our expectations.

John the Baptist is confused. He knows who Jesus is or at least he senses it. John has been preaching repentance, calling sinners to turn back to God, warning of judgment and urging transformation. And suddenly, the one who is without sin steps into the line with sinners. John resists: "I need to be baptized by you." This reaction is important. It reminds us that what is about to happen is not logical according to human categories of power, worthiness, or status.

But Jesus insists: "Let it be so now; it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." This statement reveals the heart of Jesus' mission. He does not come to stand above humanity but to stand with humanity. He does not save us from a distance; he enters fully into our condition. By accepting baptism (a baptism meant for repentance) Jesus identifies himself completely with broken, struggling, sinful people. He steps into the muddy waters of human life, not because he needs cleansing, but because we do.

When Jesus rises from the water, something extraordinary happens. The heavens open. The Spirit descends like a dove, gentle yet powerful, recalling the Spirit hovering over the waters at creation. This moment signals a new creation.

Then comes the voice from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In baptism, we too are named as God's beloved. The Father's words over Jesus echo over every baptized person: *You belong to me*. Our worth does not come from success, holiness, popularity, or perfection. It comes from being loved by God.

The Son stands in the water. The Spirit descends. The Father speaks.

Immediately after his baptism, Jesus will be led into temptation. Affirmation precedes trial. Identity comes before struggle. This pattern matters for our lives. We do not face suffering or temptation in order to earn God's love; we face them already loved, already claimed.

Today the gospel calls us to humility. Like Jesus, we are invited to step into places that are uncomfortable, to stand with those who are wounded or overlooked, to choose solidarity over superiority.

Then, it calls us to remember our baptism. Baptism is not just something that happened once in the past; it is a daily identity. We are people who have passed through the water, who belong to God, who carry the Spirit within us.

Then, it calls us to listen for the Father's voice, not the voices of fear, shame, or comparison, but the voice that says: *You are my beloved*. When we live from that truth, our lives become a response of gratitude rather than a desperate attempt to prove ourselves.

**January 11, 2026**  
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**  
**Vigilia del Bautismo del Señor**  
 5:30p.m. † Andrea O. Rodriguez (B-day Rem.)

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
 7:30a.m. † Antonio Cuevas, Sr.  
     † Esperanza Cuevas  
     † Kayla D. Peña  
     † Antonio Cuevas, Jr.  
     † Jesse Gonzalez  
 9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez  
 11:30a.m. † Mayme M. Narvaez (15th Ann.)

**Monday, January 12, 2026**  
 6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Tuesday, January 13, 2026**  
 6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**  
 12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
 12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Friday, January 16, 2026**  
 12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Saturday, January 17, 2026**  
**Vigilia del Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**  
 5:30p.m. † Arcadio Higareda (14th Ann.)  
     † Baldemar & Feliciana Campos (15th Ann.)

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Delma Morantes  
     † Danny Morantes  
     † Jesse Gonzalez  
     † Annabel Garza (B-day Rem.)  
 11:30a.m. † Josefina Escobar  
     Marivel Rodriguez (B-day)  
     Trey Rodriguez (B-day)  
     Priscilla Lopez (B-day)  
     Agapito Lopez, Jr. (B-day)  
     Amy Rodriguez (B-day)

**December 28, 2025**

<b>OLG</b>	
Envelope Collections	2,197.00
Loose Collections	993.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	82.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,272.00</b>

Second Collections:	
Charitable Works	00.00
Holy Christmas Masses	2,480.67
Faith Formation	22.00
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$2,502.67</b>

<b>SNDA</b>	
Envelope Collections	90.00
Loose Collections	185.00
Christmas Vigil Mass	617.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 892.00</b>

**II Collections**

January 18th - Faith Formation  
 January 25th - Church in Latin America  
 February 1st - Charitable Works  
 February 8th - Teen Ministry  
 February 18th - Church in Eastern Europe  
 February 22nd - Black & Indian Missions  
 March 1st - Easter Novenas  
 March 8th - Easter Flowers  
 March 15th - Catholic Relief Services  
 March 22nd - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal  
 April 3rd - Holy Land/Good Friday  
 April 5th - Mother's Day Novenas  
 April 12th - Faith Formation  
 April 19th - Mother's Day Flowers  
 April 26th - Catholic Missions Appeal

**\*\*\*Mass Intention Deadline\*\*\***

All mass intentions will be celebrated at mass.  
 All information to be printed in the bulletin must  
 be submitted 14 days prior to the bulletin date.  
 This includes intentions, anniversaries  
 and birthday celebrations.

You can now come into office & submit  
**2026 Mass Intentions.**

*Thank you for your cooperation.  
 If you have any questions please contact the parish office.*



**OLG Corner**

**01/12/26** 6:30PM OCIA/OCIC Classes  
6:30 PM Marian Pilgrimage Meeting in CCD building

**01/13/26** 7:00PM Bible Study

**01/14/26** 5:30/7:00PM Faith Formation

**01/15/26** 7:00PM Ultreya Meeting

**01/18/26** 10:45AM Faith Formation

Call the parish office with any questions

**Have a Blessed Week**

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

will be hosting our

Monthly Food Bank

**January 13, 2026**

Time: 8:00a.m.

OLG Church parking lot



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Fish Fry

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Serving Lunch starting at 11:00am &

Dinner starting at 5:00pm

Location: Parish Hall Parking Lot

Plate will include Fish fillet,  
mashed potatoes, green beans & roll



**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
TEEN F.L.A.M.E.**

**BINGO**

**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026**

**AT KC HALL  
STARTS AT 2:00PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 12:00**

**NO OUTSIDE FOOD ALLOWED IN  
CONCESSION WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**Tickets are \$20 for 20 Games  
5 Specials at \$1 each**

**"Lord, may this gathering be filled with joy,  
fellowship, and blessings. May every laugh and  
every prize remind us of Your abundant love."**

## MARIAN PILGRIMAGE - 2026

**Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal),  
Medjugorje (Bosnia)**

**Dates: Friday, September 11 – Monday September 21 (11 Days)**

**Organized by: Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Alice**

**Estimated Cost: \$3,300.00 \$3,600.00**

**Those who are interested are kindly asked  
to attend meeting on**

**January 12, 2026**

**at 6:30PM in CCD Building**

**For more information,  
please contact our parish office at 361-664-2953.**

**Please note : If an individual wishes to deposit and save a specific amount  
toward their pilgrimage fare, this can be considered.**

## Baptisms

**Baptism Classes - Third Thursday of every month at 7pm  
in CCD building. Must first complete a registration form &  
provide necessary paperwork to attend class.**

**Baptisms - Can be scheduled any day after scheduling an  
appointment with Fr. James & all necessary documents  
are received & verified at the office.**

**Parents & Godparents are required to complete a  
baptism class before baptism can be scheduled (class  
attendance is only valid for the last 12 months). Obtain a  
registration form and more information at parish office.**

## TEEN F.L.A.M.E. RETREAT

**Date: March 12-15**

**Ages: 14-19 Cost: \$175**

**"While I am in the world,  
I am the light of the world."  
John 9:5**

**We ask for all parents to encourage their  
children to join us for a weekend  
of faith, fun and community.**

**If you have any questions please contact our  
office 361-664-2953**

