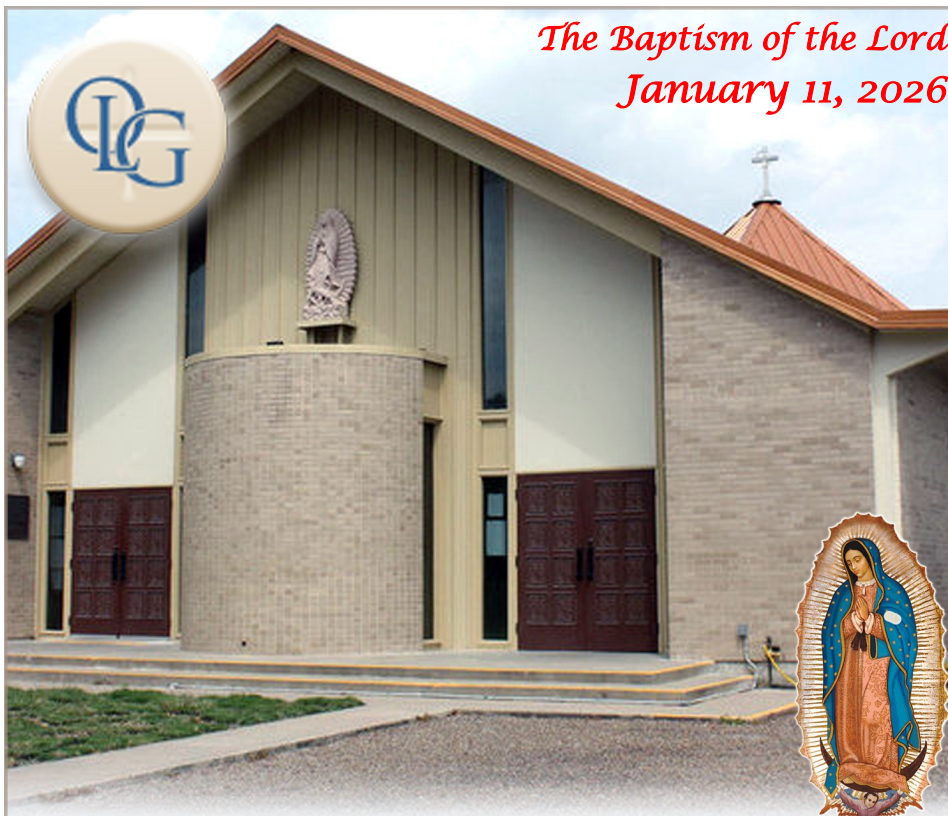




The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026



Our Lady of Guadalupe

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

5:30 pm

OLG, Spanish

Sunday

7:25 am

SNDA

9:30 am

OLG, English

11:30 am

OLG, English

Monday & Tuesday

6:00 pm

Wed., Thurs., & Fri.

12:05 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday

after 6:00 pm Mass

CONFESSION

Saturday

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 & Feliciano 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

OLG

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

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	00.00
Holy Christmas Masses	2,480.67
Faith Formation	22.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$2,502.67

SNDA

Envelope Collections	90.00
Loose Collections	185.00
Christmas Vigil Mass	617.00
Total Deposit	\$ 892.00

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.

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