

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 18, 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>CONFESION</b>		

**Tuesday** after 6:00 pm Mass  
**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

In the Gospel of John, we are given the testimony of John the Baptist. What John offers us in this passage is not a story about what Jesus does, but a revelation of who Jesus is. And it begins with a single, declaration: *"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."* "Behold" means more than "look." It means *stop, pay attention, recognize what God is doing here.* John is telling his listeners and us that everything changes when Jesus appears. He is pointing away from himself and toward the one who fulfills all hope.

Calling Jesus the "Lamb of God", it reminds the audience that the lamb recalls the Passover, when the blood of the lamb marked the houses of the Israelites and brought freedom from slavery. It also recalls the sacrificial system of the Temple, where lambs were offered daily for the sins of the people. By using this title, John is saying that Jesus is both deliverer and sacrifice, one who frees God's people and one who gives his life for them.

Jesus does not take away the sin of *some* people, or of a *select group*, or even only of Israel. He takes away **the sin of the world.** This is a universal mission. From the very beginning, John's Gospel makes it clear that Jesus comes for everyone: the faithful and the doubtful, the strong and the weak, the saint and the sinner.

John the Baptist then speaks with humility: *"After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me."* This is a striking confession. Chronologically, John is older. Publicly, John is well known. Crowds are coming to him. And yet, John knows his place. True discipleship always involves humility. John understands that his role is not to gather followers for himself, but to prepare the way and then step aside. This is an important lesson for us. Our task is not to draw attention to ourselves, our achievements, or even our ministries. Our task is to point to Christ. Like John, we are called to decrease so that Christ may increase.

John then explains how he came to recognize Jesus. He admits something surprising: *he did not know him.* This reminds us that faith is not automatic, even for the most faithful servants of God. John knew Jesus as a relative, but he needed divine revelation to recognize him as the Messiah. God reveals Jesus not through human reasoning alone, but through the Spirit. John says : *"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him."* In the Old Testament, the Spirit often comes upon people temporarily to inspire a prophet or empower a leader. But here, the Spirit **remains.** Jesus is not merely inspired by God; he lives in perfect and permanent communion with the Father through the Spirit.

This moment reveals Jesus as the one who baptizes not just with water, but with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was a sign of repentance, a preparation. Jesus brings transformation from within. He does not just call us to change; he gives us the Spirit who makes that change possible.

Finally, John concludes with a clear and powerful testimony: *"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."* This is the heart of the passage. John has seen. He has witnessed. And now he speaks. Faith is never meant to be kept private. Those who encounter Christ are sent to testify to speak, by word and by life, about who Jesus is.

**January 18, 2026**  
**Mass Intentions**

**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. † Teresa Mireles

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)

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**Vigilia del Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Julio Garcia (20th Ann.)  
 † Josefat Moscot

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. † Romeo Trejo, Jr. (4th Ann.)  
 † Jose Garcia (10th Ann.)

9:30a.m. † Sonia A. Lopez (B-day Rem.)  
 † Francisco Dominguez, Sr. (1st Ann.)  
 † Jesse Gonzalez  
 † Bartolo Buentello (B-day Rem.)

11:30a.m. J.J. Salazar II (B-day)  
 Derek Galindo for Healing

**January 04, 2026**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	2,121.00
Loose Collections	1,437.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	00.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,558.00</b>

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	706.30
Solemnity of Mary	1,706.65
Keep Faith Mantenga Iafe	15.00
Faith Formation	92.50
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$2,520.45</b>

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections	60.00
Loose Collections	365.00
Solemnity of Mary	417.00
<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**



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

THE DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
 INVITES YOU TO THE SOLEMN INSTALLATION  
 of  
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 MOST REVEREND MARIO ALBERTO AVILÉS, C.O.  
 as the  
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by His Excellency  
 MOST REVEREND JOE S. VÁSQUEZ  
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In the presence of His Eminence  
 CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE  
 APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO THE UNITED STATES

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF JANUARY  
 TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX  
 AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH  
 PRO-CATHEDRAL  
 3502 SARATOGA BOULEVARD  
 CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS

Reception immediately following at St. Maria Goretti Youth Center.

**OLG Corner**

<b>01/19/26</b>	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIO Classes
<b>01/20/26</b>	7:00PM	Bible Study
<b>01/21/26</b>	5:30/7:00PM	Faith Formation
<b>01/22/26</b>	7:00PM	Ultreya Meeting
<b>01/25/26</b>	10:45AM	Faith Formation

*Call the parish office with any questions*

**Have a Blessed Week!**

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT SERIES**  
FOR AGES 18-39

**COME TO ONE, COME TO ALL**

**FEB 07** **Retreat 1: Desiring God**  
Our Lady of Corpus Christi Retreat Center  
1200 Lantana St, Corpus Christi, TX

**Retreat 2: Discovering God's Voice** **MAR 07**  
Schoenstatt Lamar Retreat Center  
134 Front St, Rockport, TX

**APRIL 11** **Retreat 3: Discovering God's Will**  
Pax Christi Retreat Center  
4601 Calallen Dr, Corpus Christi, TX

**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

**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."*

**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

**Women's Flame Adoration Night**  
**Thursday, January 22, 2026**  
**At 6pm**




**Throat Blessing Mass**  
**On February 3, 2026**  
**6:00PM**

JOIN US FOR OUR 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

THIS EVENT IS FREE - BRING A FRIEND!

**Women's**  
Night of Worship

A BEAUTIFUL EVENING OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 6, 2026**  
**5:30-9:00**  
OLG PARISH HALL, ALICE, TX

*He gives Beauty for Ashes, strength for fear,  
gladness for mourning, & peace for despair.*  
ISALAH 61:5

TO RSVP: TEXT YOUR NAME TO 361-756-5707

EVENT SHIRTS: \$12 S-XL, \$14 2X, \$16 3X, \$18 4X  
SHIRT ORDER AND PAYMENT IS DUE BY FEBRUARY 15  
PURCHASE OF A SHIRT IS NOT MANDATORY  
SORRY, NO DAYCARE AVAILABLE

HOSTED BY OLG WOMEN'S F.L.A.M.E. MINISTRY