

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

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.

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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)

January 18, 2026
Mass Intentions

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. † 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.)
† Josefata 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

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

Second Collections:

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| Charitable Works | 706.30 |
| Solemnity of Mary | 1,706.65 |
| Keep Faith Mantenga lafe | 15.00 |
| Faith Formation | 92.50 |
| Total 2nd Collections | \$2,520.45 |

SNDA

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| Envelope Collections | 60.00 |
| Loose Collections | 365.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | 417.00 |
| 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



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God

THE DIOCESE OF CORPUS CHRISTI
INVITES YOU TO THE SOLEMN INSTALLATION

of
HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND MARIO ALBERTO AVILÉS, C.O.
as the
NINTH BISHOP OF CORPUS CHRISTI

by His Excellency
MOST REVEREND JOE S. VÁSQUEZ
ARCHBISHOP OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON

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

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| 01/19/26 | 6:30PM | OCIA/OCIC Classes |
| 01/20/26 | 7:00PM | Bible Study |
| 01/21/26 | 5:30/7:00PM | Faith Formation |
| 01/22/26 | 7:00PM | Ultreya Meeting |
| 01/25/26 | 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

Schoenstatt Lamar Retreat Center
134 Front St, Rockport, TX

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APRIL
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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 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

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."

JOIN US FOR OUR 4TH 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.*
ISAIAH 61:5

TO RSVP: TEXT YOUR NAME TO 361-756-3707

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 FLAME MINISTRY