

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 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

The Gospel we have just heard marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and a turning point in the lives of those who encounter Him. Jesus does not begin His ministry in Jerusalem, the religious and political center. He does not start among the powerful or the educated elite. Instead, He goes to Galilee of the Gentiles, a region considered mixed, marginal, even suspect by the religious authorities.

This is deeply revealing. God does not wait for ideal conditions or perfect people. He goes to the margins. He enters places that seem spiritually unimportant. He begins His work in ordinary settings, among ordinary people. This should be consoling for us. Many people think, "God will work in my life when I get things together, when I become better, when my faith is stronger." But the Gospel shows us the opposite. God begins right where we are, not where we wish we were.

Jesus' first public words in Matthew's Gospel are not complicated. They are not theological explanations or moral lectures. They are direct and urgent: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." To repent does not simply mean to feel bad about sin. The word means to change direction, to turn around, to begin seeing life differently. Jesus is saying: "Do not continue walking the same path. Something new has begun."

And why repent? Not because God is angry, but because the Kingdom is near. God is close. God is acting. God is entering human history in a new way. Repentance, then, is not about fear; it is about readiness. If the Kingdom is at hand, we must decide whether we want to remain as we are or step into what God is offering.

As Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, He sees two fishermen: Simon Peter and Andrew. Then He sees James and John. These men are not scholars. They are not religious leaders. They are not even seeking Jesus. They are working—casting nets, mending nets, doing what they have done every day of their lives.

And yet Jesus looks at them and says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Notice something crucial: Jesus does not ask what they know, what they have achieved, or what qualifications they bring. He does not say, "If you improve yourself, then follow me." He simply calls them.

This reminds us that vocation begins with grace, not merit. God does not choose us because we are worthy; He makes us worthy by choosing us. The Gospel emphasizes the immediacy of their response: "At once they left their nets and followed him." "Immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him."

This is one of the most challenging lines in the Gospel. The nets, the boat, and even family represent security, identity, and stability. Fishing was not a hobby; it was survival. To leave their nets was to leave what defined them.

The Gospel does not romanticize this moment. Following Jesus always involves loss before gain, surrender before clarity, trust before understanding.

For us, the nets may look different: attachment to comfort and routine, fear of change, control over our plans, habits that keep us from deeper faith

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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 25, 2026
Mass Intentions

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.)
† Alfredo Garcia, III (16th Ann.)

9:30a.m. † Sonia A. Lopez (B-day Rem.)
† Francisco Dominguez, Sr. (1st Ann.)
† Jesse Gonzalez
† Bartolo Buentello (B-day Rem.)
† Manuela Ordonez (B-day Rem.)
† Annabel Garza (2nd Ann.)
Milo Ordonez for Healing
Joe Martinez for Healing

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

Monday, January 26, 2026

6:00p.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Thursday, January 29, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Friday, January 30, 2026

12:05p.m. † Francisco Dominguez, Sr. (1st Ann.)

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Vigilia del Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

5:30p.m. † Maria Delicia Sandoval (6th Ann.)
† Oscar R. Carrillo (B-day Rem.)
Isnael Rodriguez, Jr. (B-day)

Sunday, February 01, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a.m. † Jose Garcia, Sr. (B-day Rem.)

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez
† Juan Escobar

11:30a.m. † Ramon Guerra (B-day Rem.)

January 11, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,938.32
Loose Collections	1,562.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	104.00
Total	\$ 4,604.32

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	34.00
Faith Formation	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 34.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	00.00
Loose Collections	302.00
Total Deposit	\$ 302.00

II Collections

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions please contact the parish office.



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Ashes @ OLG

7:00am Spanish

12:05pm English

7:00pm English

Ashes @ SNDA

5:30pm English

OLG Corner

01/26/26	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC Classes
01/27/26	7:00PM	Bible Study
01/28/26	5:30/7:00PM	Faith Formation
01/29/26	7:00PM	Ultreya Meeting
02/01/26	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

MAR
07

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 Church

Fish Fry

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Serving Lunch starting at 11:00am &

Dinner starting at 5:00pm

Location: Parish Hall Parking Lot



\$15 per Plate will include Fish fillet, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, roll & drink

**We will be ordering extra boxes of fish.
If you would like to order a box for yourself,
please come into office to prepay.**

\$45/Box



Throat Blessing Masses

1/31/26 & 2/1/26

During weekend masses

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 12:30

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."



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.