

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*February 01, 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

Today's Gospel brings us to the heart of Jesus' teaching: the Beatitudes. If we want to know what kind of Messiah Jesus is, what kind of Kingdom He proclaims, and what kind of disciples He desires, we need look no further than this passage from the Sermon on the Mount.

Saint Matthew tells us that Jesus goes up the mountain, sits down, and teaches. This is not accidental. Like Moses on Mount Sinai, Jesus speaks with divine authority. But unlike Moses, who brought commandments written on stone, Jesus speaks words meant to be written on the human heart. What He offers is not simply a new law, but a new way of being human.

At first hearing, the Beatitudes sound strange, even contradictory. Jesus calls blessed those whom the world usually calls unfortunate: the poor, the mourning, the meek, the persecuted. The world tells us, "Blessed are the rich, the powerful, the admired, the comfortable." Jesus turns that logic upside down. Because Jesus sees reality not as the world sees it, but as God sees it.

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit"

To be poor in spirit is not simply to lack money; it is to recognize our dependence on God. It is the humility to say, "Lord, I need You." The poor in spirit know they cannot save themselves. They do not rely on wealth, status, or achievements. They rely on God.

2. "Blessed are those who mourn"

Mourning does not feel like a blessing. But Jesus is not glorifying suffering for its own sake. Those who mourn are not indifferent. They love deeply. They care. And because they care, they suffer. Jesus promises that such people will be comforted not with empty words, but with God's own presence.

3. "Blessed are the meek"

Meekness is often misunderstood as weakness. In fact, meekness is strength under control. It is the strength to resist violence, revenge, and pride. It is the courage to trust God rather than force our own way.

4. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"

This is a powerful image. Hunger and thirst are not casual desires; they are urgent needs. Jesus calls us to desire holiness, justice, and God's will with the same intensity we desire food and water.

5. "Blessed are the merciful"

Mercy is at the center of the Gospel. To be merciful is to forgive, to show compassion, to refuse to harden our hearts.

6. "Blessed are the clean of heart"

Purity of heart means integrity, a heart undivided, focused on God. It is not just about external behavior but about inner intention.

7. "Blessed are the peacemakers"

Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. It is the presence of justice, reconciliation, and truth. Peacemakers are those willing to step into conflict to heal it, to listen, to forgive, to build bridges rather than walls.

8. "Blessed are those who are persecuted"

When we stand for truth, justice, and love, we may be misunderstood, ridiculed, or rejected.

But Jesus says, "*Rejoice and be glad.*" Not because suffering is good, but because it unites us with Him. The cross is not the end; resurrection is.

The Beatitudes are not a checklist to complete or ideals for a few heroic saints. They are a portrait of Jesus Himself. He is the poor one, the meek one, the merciful one, the peacemaker, the persecuted one. And today, He invites us not simply to admire the Beatitudes, but to live them. They will not make us successful by the world's standards. But they will make us holy. And in the end, that is the only success that truly matters.

# 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)

**February 01, 2026**  
**Mass Intentions**

**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.)  
† Juanita Cruz Cardona (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.)

**Monday, February 02, 2026**

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Tuesday, February 03, 2026**

6:00p.m. Kaitlyn Pena (B-day)

**Wednesday, February 04, 2026**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Thursday, February 05, 2026**

12:05p.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

**Friday, February 06, 2026**

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Saturday, February 07, 2026**

**Vigilia del Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. All OLG Parishioners

**Sunday, February 08, 2026**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. † Maria E. DeLeon

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Armando Narvaez (B-day Rem.)

† Ronaldo & Celia Escobar (B-day Rem.)

**\*\*\*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.**

**January 18, 2026**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	2,084.00
Loose Collections	1,895.00
Flowers for all occasions	10.00
Childrens' Collections	88.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,077.00</b>

**Second Collections:**

Charitable Works	00.00
Faith Formation	869.77
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$ 869.00</b>

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections	00.00
Loose Collections	309.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 309.00</b>

**Weekly Offering**



**II Collections**

**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**

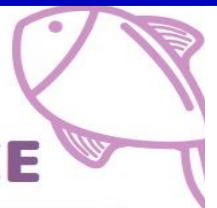
**April 5th - Mother's Day Novenas**

**April 12th - Faith Formation**

**April 19th - Mother's Day Flowers**

**April 26th - Catholic Missions Appeal**

**LENTEN  
FASTING &  
ABSTINENCE**



**Fasting**

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

**Abstinence**

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

**How do we fast?**

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal,  
as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal  
to a full meal.

**Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?**

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside  
the age limits include the physically or mentally ill  
including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such  
as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing  
women.

*OLG Corner*

02/02/26	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC Classes
02/03/26	7:00PM	Bible Study
02/04/26	5:30/7:00PM	Faith Formation
02/05/26	7:00PM	Ultreya Meeting
02/08/26	10:45AM	Faith Formation

Call the parish office with any questions!

*Have a Blessed Week!*



**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**Ashes @ OLG**

**7:00am Spanish**

**12:05pm English**

**7:00pm English**

**Ashes @ SNDA**

**5:30pm English**



**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."



**Retreat**

The Quinceañera Retreat dates for 2026 have been scheduled for January 31, April 25, July 11, September 26, and November 7. A Quinceañera retreat is a requirement for a Quinceañera Mass. Retreat Fee is \$125. Registration closes on Monday of the week of the retreat.

For more information please contact Tina at [tvillegas@mpbchurch.org](mailto:tvillegas@mpbchurch.org) or 361-854-3800  
 Registration:  
<https://www.osvhub.com/mpbchurch/forms/quince-prep-retreat>

*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**



**Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)**

**6:00pm at OLG every Friday**

**During Lent starting Feb. 20th**



We would like to invite couples married in the Catholic Church to The Couples Shared Prayer Retreat. A three-day two nights Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners of the diocese. The weekend begins Friday, February 13th, with registration beginning at 5:15 pm at the Pax Christi Retreat Center. The weekend is filled with activities and events allowing couples the time to reinvest in their relationship and reconnect spiritually.

The purpose of the Couple's Shared Prayer Retreat is to provide an opportunity to strengthen each couple's spiritual prayer life and increase intimacy. Whether you are newlyweds or celebrating decades of marriage, this retreat will help you grow closer as a couple. The retreat will focus on having Christ at the center of your marriage!

A registration deposit of \$125 is required to reserve your place. The remaining balance is due at check-in on February 13th. Deposit may be turned in to: St. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church 3210 S.P.I.D. Corpus Christ, TX 78415 Make checks