

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 08, 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, in the gospel Jesus says who we should be. what we are meant to do. Jesus says you are "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world."

In the time of Jesus, salt was precious. It was used for preserving food, for flavor, and even for purification. Without refrigeration, salt kept food from spoiling. Without salt, food was bland and tasteless.

When Jesus calls us salt, He is saying that the world needs us not for our own glory, but to preserve what is good, to give flavor to life, and to prevent moral decay.

A Christian who lives the Gospel brings flavor to the world: kindness in a harsh environment, honesty in a culture of corruption, compassion where there is indifference. Often this influence is quiet and hidden. Salt works invisibly. You don't see it, but you notice its effect.

But Jesus also issues a warning: "If salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?" Salt that loses its flavor is useless.

This is a serious challenge. A Christian who blends in too comfortably, who compromises the Gospel to avoid criticism, who lives no differently from the world, risks losing that "saltiness." Faith that never affects our choices, our words, our priorities, eventually becomes meaningless.

"You are the light of the world".

Light allows us to see. It gives direction. It drives away darkness. In Scripture, light is always associated with God. "The Lord is my light and my salvation," says the psalmist.

By calling us light, Jesus gives us a bold responsibility. The world has real darkness: hatred, injustice, fear, violence, loneliness, sin. And Jesus says, "You are the light for this world."

A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. A lamp is not lit to be placed under a basket. In other words, our faith is not meant to be private or invisible. Christianity is not just something we practice inside church walls. It must shine in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our communities.

"Let your light shine before others"

Here we need to be careful. Jesus does not tell us to show off our goodness. He says, "Let your light shine... so that they may see your good works and glorify your heavenly Father."

The goal is not attention for ourselves, but glory for God. Our good works acts of love, service, forgiveness, generosity are meant to point beyond us. When people encounter a Christian who lives with integrity, humility, and compassion, they should not say, "What a great person," but rather, "There must be something real about their faith."

Light shines most clearly in darkness. Small acts of faithfulness often shine brighter than grand gestures. A parent patiently raising children in faith, a worker who refuses to cheat, a young person who stands for what is right, a Christian who forgives when it would be easier to hold a grudge these are powerful lights.

The world does not need louder Christians, but holier ones. It does not need perfect people, but faithful witnesses. Jesus sends us into the world not to dominate it, but to transform it quietly like salt, brightly like light.



# Our Lady of Guadalupe

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 08, 2026**  
**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 07, 2026**  
**Vigilia del Quinto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Arcadio Higareda

**Sunday, February 08, 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. † Maria E. DeLeon  
† Cindy Moreno (3rd. Ann.)  
† Aiden Moreno (3rd. Ann.)  
† Avery Moreno (3rd. Ann.)  
† Juvenal Perez

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez

11:30a.m. † Armando Narvaez (B-day Rem.)  
† Ronaldo & Celia Escobar (B-day Rem.)

**Monday, February 09, 2026**

6:00p.m. Communion Service

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

6:00p.m. Communion Service  
† Maria Elena Davila (1st. Ann.)

**Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

12:05p.m. Communion Service

**Thursday, February 12, 2026**

12:05p.m. Communion Service

**Friday, February 13, 2026**

12:05p.m. Communion Service

**Saturday, February 14, 2026**  
**Vigilia del Sexto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

5:30p.m. † Andrea O. Rodriguez (14th Ann.)  
† Jesse Gonzalez

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30a.m. † Aaron Espinoza (B-day Rem.)  
† Romeo Trejo, Sr. (B-day Rem.)

9:30a.m. All OLG Parishioners

11:30a.m. † Bianca Maribel Rocha (B-day Rem.)  
† Esperanza Lopez (45th. Ann.)

**January 25, 2026**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	1,921.00
Loose Collections	733.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	22.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,676.00</b>

**Second Collections:**

Charitable Works	10.00
Church of Latin America	472.00
Home Missions	10.00
Faith Formation	28.00
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$ 520.00</b>

**SNDA**

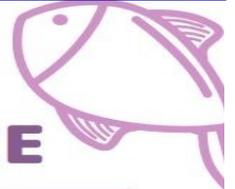
Envelope Collections	45.00
Loose Collections	119.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 164.00</b>

**Weekly Offering**

**II Collections**

- 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

**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.

**\*\*\*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.***

*OLG Corner* ♥

02/09/26 6:30PM OCIA/OCIC Classes  
 02/10/26 7:00PM Bible Study  
 02/11/26 5:30/7:00PM Faith Formation  
 02/12/26 7:00PM 📖 Ultreya Meeting  
 02/15/26 10:45AM Faith Formation

Call the parish office with any questions!

*Have a Blessed Week!*



**Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)**  
 6:00pm at OLG every Friday  
 During Lent starting Feb. 20th

*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**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

<b>Ashes @ OLG</b>	<b>Ashes @ SNDA</b>
7:00am Spanish	5:30pm English
12:05pm English	
7:00pm English	

*Our Lady of Guadalupe Church*  
 will be hosting our  
**Monthly Food Bank**  
**February 10, 2026**  
 Time: 8:00a.m.  
 OLG Church parking lot

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.*  
 ISAIAH 61:3

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

*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."

**Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Court #2426**  
**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Raffle**  
 (Drawing to be held after 11:30 mass on March 8, 2026)



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| 1st Prize: \$500 Gift Card         | 11th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card     |
| 2nd Prize: \$100 HEB Gift Card     | 12th Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card |
| 3rd Prize: \$100 Walmart Gift Card | 13th Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card |
| 4th Prize: \$75 HEB Gift Card      | 14th Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card |
| 5th Prize: \$75 Walmart Gift Card  | 15th Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card |
| 6th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card      | 16th Prize: \$50 Walmart Gift Card |
| 7th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card      | 17th Prize: \$25 HEB Gift Card     |
| 8th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card      | 18th Prize: \$25 HEB Gift Card     |
| 9th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card      | 19th Prize: \$25 Walmart Gift Card |
| 10th Prize: \$50 HEB Gift Card     | 20th Prize: \$25 Walmart Gift Card |

Donation: **\$5.00**

**Contact any CDA member to purchase tickets!**