

*First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 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

On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church leads us into the desert with Jesus. Lent always begins here not in celebration, not in comfort, but in silence, hunger, and struggle.

The Gospel begins by reminding us that Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterward He was hungry. This simple statement reveals something profound: Jesus is truly human. He experiences real physical weakness, real hunger, real vulnerability.

Temptation often comes when we are weakest when we are tired, stressed, lonely, or discouraged. The devil does not tempt Jesus while He is strong and satisfied, but when He is hungry. This is also true in our lives. Lent invites us to recognize our vulnerability, not to despair, but to bring it honestly before God.

The devil's first temptation seems reasonable: *"If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread."* Jesus has the power to do it. He is hungry. But this temptation is not about bread; it is about trust. The devil is suggesting that Jesus use His power independently of the Father, to satisfy Himself rather than rely on God.

Jesus responds with Scripture: *"One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."* He refuses to separate physical needs from spiritual dependence. Jesus teaches us that while our needs are real, they must never replace our trust in God. In Lent, we fast not because food is bad, but because fasting reminds us that God alone sustains us.

In the second temptation, the devil takes Jesus to the pinnacle of the temple and challenges Him to throw Himself down, quoting Scripture to justify it. This temptation is about testing God, demanding proof instead of living in trust.

Jesus again responds with Scripture: *"You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test."* Faith is not about forcing God to act on our terms. True faith listens, obeys, and trusts even when signs are absent. This temptation speaks to us whenever we say, "God, if You really love me, You must do this for me." Lent invites us to surrender our conditions and deepen our trust.

In the third temptation, the devil offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in exchange for worship. This is the temptation of power without sacrifice, glory without the cross. Jesus decisively rejects it: *"The Lord, your God, shall you worship, and Him alone shall you serve."* Jesus chooses the path of obedience, humility, and ultimately the cross.

This temptation is especially strong in our world, where success, influence, and control are often valued more than integrity and faithfulness. Jesus reminds us that no amount of worldly power is worth compromising our loyalty to God.

At the end of the Gospel, the devil leaves Jesus, and angels come to minister to Him. This reminds us that temptation does not have the final word. Faithfulness does.

As we begin this Lenten season, let us walk with Jesus into the desert not afraid of our weakness, but confident in God's grace. May this Lent be a time of deeper trust, renewed faith, and genuine conversion, so that we may emerge from the desert ready to follow Christ more faithfully, all the way to Easter.



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 22, 2026
Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Vigilia del Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

5:30p.m. † Elma D. Trejo (1st Ann.)
† Reymundo Chavarria (B-day Rem.)

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent

7:30a.m. † Genoveva D. Longoria (B-day Rem.)

9:30a.m. † Orlando Sendejo, Sr.

11:30a.m. † Mayme M. Narvaez (B-day Rem.)
In Honor of B-day—Kaleen Gamez

Monday, February 23, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Thursday, February 26, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Friday, February 27, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Vigilia del Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

5:30p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Sunday, March 01, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez
† Santos Hernandez
† Martin A. Gonzalez (5th Ann.)
† Norberto Gonzalez (3rd Ann.)
† Manuela Perez

11:30a.m. † Cresencio "Cris" Sanchez (2nd Ann.)
† Eduardo Alaniz, Jr. (B-day Rem.)
† Roman Chapa, Sr. (39th Ann.)
† Santiago Chapa (1st Ann.)
† Alicia Gallegos (B-day Rem.)
† Esther Villegas

February 08, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,065.00
Loose Collections	1,680.00
Flowers for all occasions	10.00
Childrens' Collections	112.00
Total	\$ 3,867.00

Second Collections:

Charitable Works	14.00
Teen Ministry	1,230.00
Faith Formation	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$1,244.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	90.00
Loose Collections	263.00
Total Deposit	\$ 353.00

II Collections

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

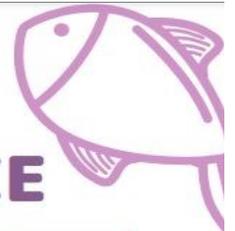
April 5th - Mother's Day Novenas

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

- 02/23/26 6:30PM OCIA/OCIC Classes
- 02/24/26 7:00PM Bible Study
- 02/25/26 5:30PM/7:00PM Faith Formation
- 02/26/26 7:00PM Ultreya Meeting
- 03/01/26 10:45AM Faith Formation

Call the parish office with any questions!

Have a Blessed Week!

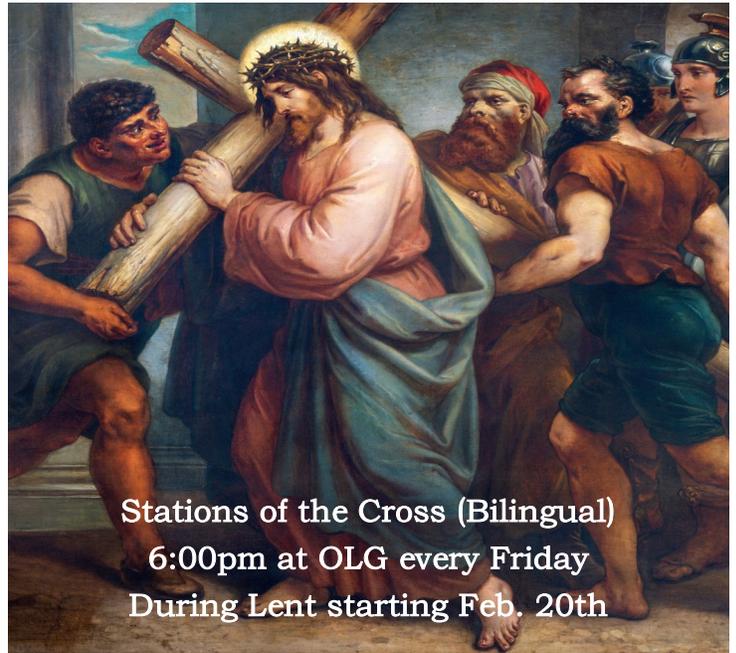


SAVE THE DATE

DCYC CORPUS CHRISTI

MARCH 1ST, 2026
RICHARDSON THEATER - DELMAR

DCYC is set for March 1st, 2026! The Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference is right around the corner, and it will be a day filled with amazing experiences of fun, fellowship, talks, Mass, Confession, and Adoration. Don't miss this opportunity! Registration information is coming soon. If you are a youth leader and would like to do early group paper registration contact Sr. Caritas at (361) 631-4386. Early group registration ensures you get to pick your seating. The event will be held at the Richardson Theater on the Del Mar College Heritage Campus in Corpus Christi.



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



Baptisms

Baptism Classes - Third Thursday of every month at 7pm in CCD building. Must first complete a registration form & provide necessary paperwork to attend class.

Baptisms - Can be scheduled any day after scheduling an appointment with Fr. James & all necessary documents are received & verified at the office.

Parents & Godparents are required to complete a baptism class before baptism can be scheduled (class attendance is only valid for the last 12 months). Obtain a registration form and more information at parish office.



TEEN F.L.A.M.E. RETREAT

Date: March 12-15

Ages: 14-19 Cost: \$175



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

**"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
John 9:5**

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!

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.
ISALAH 61:3

TO R.S.V.P.: TEXT YOUR NAME TO 561-756-3707

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