

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 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

This Gospel is one of the richest, most human encounters in all of Scripture.

Jesus arrives at Jacob's well around noon the hottest part of the day. No one goes to draw water at noon unless they are trying to avoid others. The Samaritan woman comes alone, likely because her life has made her an outcast. And Jesus, a Jewish man, speaks to her a Samaritan, a woman, and a sinner, all at once. Every social, religious, and moral boundary says this conversation should not happen. But Jesus begins anyway: "Give me a drink."

God makes himself needy. Jesus does not start by correcting her life. He does not begin with doctrine or moral instruction. He begins with a request. He allows her to give him something. This is how God so often enters our lives not with force, but with invitation. He asks for our attention, our honesty, our openness.

The woman is suspicious, even defensive. She knows the rules. "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" And Jesus gently shifts the conversation from water to something deeper.

The problem is not that she is immoral or confused. The deeper problem is that she does not yet know the gift of God. And how often is that true for us? We know our routines, our worries, our sins, our thirsts but we do not fully know the gift standing right in front of us.

Jesus speaks of *living water*, water that will become a spring welling up to eternal life. The woman still thinks in practical terms. She wants water that will save her from walking to the well again. She is thinking about convenience; Jesus is thinking about conversion.

Then comes the turning point: "Go, call your husband."

This is not a trap. It is an invitation to truth. Jesus touches the wound without cruelty, the sin without condemnation. He names her life completely and yet she does not run away. Why? Because for the first time, someone sees her fully and does not reject her. She realizes: "He told me everything I have done." And astonishingly, she is not crushed by that truth. She is awakened by it.

This is the difference between shame and grace. Shame says, "You are not worthy to be seen." Grace says, "You are known and still loved."

As the conversation continues, the woman tries to deflect toward religious debate: Where should we worship? Which group is right? Jesus does not dismiss the question, but he lifts it higher. True worship is not about place alone, but about relationship "in spirit and truth." Worship is not performance. It is encounter.

And slowly, beautifully, the woman moves from skepticism, to curiosity, to belief. When Jesus finally says, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you," it is one of the clearest self-revelations in the Gospel.



# 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)

*March 08, 2026*  
*Mass Intentions*

*Saturday, March 07, 2026*

*Vigilia del Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma*

5:30p.m. † Preciliano & Aurora Gonzalez  
 † Jose Gilberto Moscote  
 † Pedro Cardenas (45th Ann.)  
 † Gabriel Acevedo Magallon (1st Ann.)

*Sunday, March 08, 2026*

*Third Sunday of Lent*

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez  
 † Anna Maria Barrera  
 † Guadalupe A. Rodriguez (3rd Ann.)  
 † Alfredo Manriques (B-day Rem.)  
 † Alfredo Manriques, Jr. (B-day Rem.)

11:30a.m. † Santiago G. Chapa, Sr. (1st Ann.)  
 † Isaiah James Joslin (5th Ann.)  
 † Diana Chapa (40th Ann.)  
 † Nicolasa Manrique (B-day Rem.)  
 † Felix Manrique, Sr. (B-day Rem.)  
 † Arcadio Perez

*Monday, March 09, 2026*

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Tuesday, March 10, 2026*

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Wednesday, March 11, 2026*

12:05p.m. † Teresa Garza (B-day Rem.)

*Thursday, March 12, 2026*

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

*Friday, March 13, 2026*

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioner  
 6:00pm Stations of the Cross

*Saturday, March 14, 2026*

*Vigilia del Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma*

5:30p.m. In Thanksgiving for 51st Wedding Anniversary for  
 Rosalinda & Homero Hinojosa

*Sunday, March 15, 2026*

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:30a.m. † Aaron Espinoza (1st Ann.)

9:30a.m. † Emilia Salinas  
 † Vilma Gaza

11:30a.m. † Josefina Escobar (B-day Rem.)  
 † Roman Chapa (B-day Rem.)  
 † Eulalia Chapa (B-day Rem.)  
 † Maria Perez  
 † Felix Manrique, Jr.  
 † Arcadio Perez

**February 22, 2026**

**OLG**

Envelope Collections	1,876.00
Loose Collections	1,978.70
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	71.21
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,925.91</b>

**Second Collections:**

Ancient Faith	399.26
Home Missions	572.81
Ash Wednesday	1,032.02
Teen Ministry	500.00
<b>Total 2nd Collections</b>	<b>\$2,504.09</b>

**SNDA**

Envelope Collections	40.00
Loose Collections	357.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 397.00</b>

**II Collections**

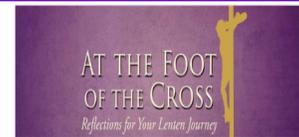
**March 8th - Easter Flowers**

**March 15th - Catholic Relief Services**

**March 22nd - Bishop's Stewardship Appeal**

**April 3rd - Holy Land/Good Friday**

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



At the Foot of the Cross

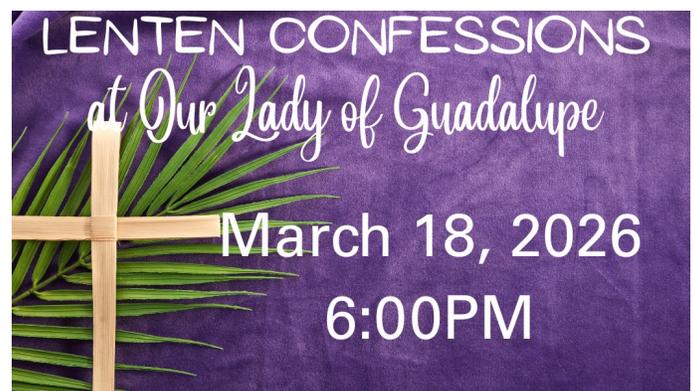
Lenten series:

Walk the holy season of Lent with Bishop Mario A. Avilés, C.O., in a series of prayerful reflections on the Gospel. Joined by members of religious life from across the Diocese of Corpus Christi, these reflections offer pastoral insight and spiritual wisdom to help renew your heart, deepen your faith, and draw you ever closer to Christ during this season of repentance, hope, and renewal.

Week One

February 22, 2026

Bishop Mario A. Avilés, C.O., sits down with Very Reverend Thottankera Raju, Vicar for Clergy and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Corpus Christi, and Pastor of Saint Peter, Prince of the Apostles, for a thoughtful reflection on the First Sunday of Lent. As the world speaks loudly and distractions compete for our attention, they invite the faithful to listen instead for the voice of the Lord. Reflecting on the Gospel and the reality of temptation, they remind us that Lent is a holy season of grace and a time to recognize the trials around us, rely on God's strength, and grow in faith through the fruit of the Cross.



## OLG CORNER

- 03/09/26 NO OCIA/OCIC Classes
- 03/10/26 7:00PM Bible Study
- 03/11/26 NO Faith Formation
- 03/12/26 7:00PM Ultreya Meeting
- 03/15/26 NO Faith Formation

Call the parish office with any questions!

*Have a Blessed Week!*

## First Holy Communion

May 02, 2026

10:00 am

## Confirmation

Sunday, May 17, 2026  
during 11:30AM mass  
with Bishop Aviles

*Luncheon to follow in Parish Hall*

### \*\*\*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.*

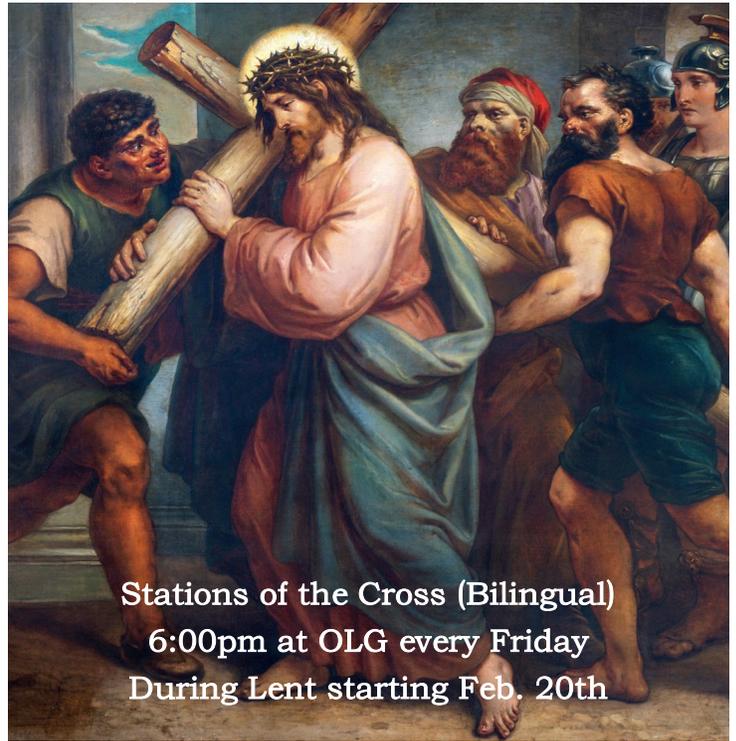
## Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Court #2426 Catholic Daughters of the Americas Raffle



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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!**



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

## 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*

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

will be hosting our



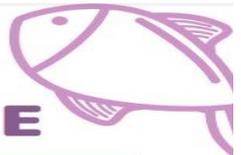
Monthly Food Bank

March 10, 2026

Time: 8:00a.m.

OLG Church parking lot

## 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.