

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 15, 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 invites us to ask: *Who is truly blind? And what does it mean to really see?*

The story begins with a question from the disciples: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

They assume suffering must be punishment. It's a common human instinct: when something goes wrong, we look for someone to blame. But Jesus immediately reframes the question: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." Jesus moves us from **blame** to **purpose**.

Suffering is not always a consequence; sometimes it becomes a canvas for God's glory. The man's blindness becomes the stage upon which divine light will shine. How often do we ask the wrong questions about our struggles? "Why me?" "What did I do?" Instead, perhaps the deeper question is: "How can God's works be revealed here?"

Jesus does something unusual. He spits on the ground, makes clay, anoints the man's eyes, and tells him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. The One who formed eyes at the beginning now restores sight. The man obeys. He goes. He washes. He sees. He receives sight *after* obedience. Faith often requires movement before clarity. Sometimes we must walk toward Siloam while still blind.

When the man returns seeing, the neighbors are bewildered. "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" "No, it just looks like him." "I am," he insists. The miracle creates division. Light always does. The healed man's testimony is simple: "The man called Jesus made clay... I went and washed, and now I see."

Faith often begins with this humble truth: "I don't know everything, but I know what He did for me." Now the man is brought before the Pharisees. The miracle occurred on the Sabbath. Instead of rejoicing, they interrogate.

They argue among themselves: "This man is not from God." "How can a sinner perform such signs?" Meanwhile, the formerly blind man grows in courage. When asked who Jesus is, he answers: "He is a prophet."

Here we his spiritual progression: First: "The man called Jesus." Then: "He is a prophet." Finally: "Lord, I believe."

We live in a world flooded with information yet starving for vision. Many see screens but miss truth. Many analyze but do not adore. The blind man ends where every soul must end at the feet of Christ.

Today Jesus asks each of us: **Do you believe?** If we dare to answer as he did "Lord, I believe". Then our darkness becomes dawn. May we have the humility to admit our blindness, the courage to wash when told, and the grace to worship when we see.



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 15, 2026
Mass Intentions*

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
† Javier & Manuela Saenz

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Thursday, March 19, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Friday, March 20, 2026

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

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Vigilia del Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

5:30p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30a.m. All SNDA Parishioners

9:30a.m. † Joe Hernandez, Jr.
† Lucio Falcon
† Jose Martinez, Sr. (B-day Rem.)
† Antonio Escamilla (1st Ann.)
† Alma "Letty" Gonzalez
† Michael Higgins
† David Longoria
† Maria Dalia Perez
† Guadalupe T. & Francisca T. Olivarez

11:30a.m. † Santiago G. Chapa, Sr. (1st Ann.)
† Diana Chapa
Derek Galindo for Healing

March 01, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,432.00
Loose Collections	1,461.63
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	83.00
Total	\$ 3,976.63

Second Collections:

Black & Indian Missions	11.00
Teen Ministry	5.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 16.00

SNDO

Envelope Collections	40.00
Loose Collections	429.00
Total Deposit	\$ 429.00

II Collections

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

May 3rd - Retired & Infirm Priests

May 10th - HGN

May 17th - Catholic Communications

May 24th - Bishop Stewardship Appeal

May 31st - Father's Day Flowers

June 7th - Father's Day Novenas

**Any adult man can sign up for Holy Thursday
Foot Washing at 6PM**

Call office 361-664-2953 for more info

Holy Week Schedule

March 31st Chrism Mass 6:30pm at
Most Precious Blood Church in Corpus Christi
April 2nd Holy Thursday 6:00pm (No noon mass)
Last Supper & Washing of Feet
April 3rd Good Friday 5:30pm (No noon mass)
April 4th Easter Vigil 8:00pm (No 5:30 mass)
April 5th Easter Sunday

7:25am SNDA

9:30am OLG

11:30am OLG

*Holy Thursday Candles and The Seven
Churches Visitations prayer Booklet
will be available at the Parish office*

OLG Corner

- 03/16/26 6:30PM OCIA/OCIC CLASSES
- 03/17/26 7:00PM BIBLE STUDY
- 03/18/26 5:30/7:00PM FAITH FORMATION
- 03/19/26 7:00PM ULTREYA MEETING
- 03/22/26 10:45AM FAITH FORMATION

Have a Blessed Week!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS at Our Lady of Guadalupe

March 18, 2026
6:00PM



TEXAS EDUCATION
FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

PARENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program will be accepting applications from February 4 through March 17, 2026. All Texas children are eligible to apply if they live in Texas and are a United States citizen or were lawfully admitted into the U.S. To prepare for the TEFA application, parents should gather the following documents.

ALL APPLICANTS NEED

- Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number for the parent.
- SSN for the child.
- Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, for 2024 or 2025.

TEXAS RESIDENCY DOCUMENTS

- Texas Driver's license number or state ID number.
- If your driver's license or state ID number cannot be verified, proof of residency can be established by uploading one of the following:*
 - utility bill;
 - lease agreement;
 - mortgage statement; or
 - voter registration certificate.

STUDENT DOCUMENTS

- If your child's SSN cannot be verified, proof of lawful status can be established by uploading one of the following:*
 - birth certificate;
 - report of birth abroad;
 - certificate of naturalization;
 - certificate of citizenship; or
 - other official documentation affirming lawful admission.

OPTIONAL DOCUMENTS

- For Prioritization Purposes:**
 - TEFA Disability Certification Form approved by the Comptroller (only required if the student requires special needs services and the student does not have an official individualized education program (IEP) on file with TEA). This form will be available in January 2026 on our website;
 - Full and Individual Initial Evaluation; or
 - Texas IEP or out of state IEP.
 - For Additional Funding and Prioritization:**
 - Texas IEP.
- Your IEP will be verified using the child's Texas unique student identification number (this can be provided by the student's school district). This number exists if the student has ever been enrolled in a public school or charter school within the state of Texas OR if the student has a registered IEP with the TEA. For the additional funding, an IEP must be on file with TEA by the end of the application period. If you need an IEP, please start that process as soon as possible.*

Funding decisions will be made after the close of the application window to allow for priority determinations and will not be made on a first-come, first-serve basis. Note: all eligible children are not guaranteed funding; participation will be determined via a lottery process if eligible applicants exceed available program funding. For more information, visit educationfreedom.texas.gov.

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY

A child between the ages of 3 and 5 may be eligible to enroll in a participating pre-K program if the child is at least three years old and:

- is unable to speak and comprehend English;
- is eligible to participate in the national free or reduced-price lunch program;
- is homeless;
- is the child of an active-duty member of the U.S. armed forces;
- is the child of a member of the U.S. armed forces who is injured or killed in the line of duty;
- is in foster care;
- is the child of a person eligible for the Star of Texas Award; or
- is the child of a classroom teacher at a public school that offers a pre-K class.

PRE-K DOCUMENTS

In addition to the documents listed on the reverse page, parents should gather the following documents for their pre-K child.

- If your child is in foster care, the application must include one of the following:*
 - court order;
 - adoption documents;
 - Department of Family and Protective Services foster/kinship placement orders;
 - pre-K verification letter; or
 - other valid proof of foster care.

If your child's parent is active duty, or injured, or killed in the line of duty, the application must include one of the following:

- statement of service;
- line of duty determination document;
- Purple Heart orders; or
- other applicable citations.

If you or one of your child's parents is a Star of Texas recipient, then the application must include the Star of Texas Certificate.

Additional documentation may be permitted and/or required to verify pre-K eligibility before TEFA funds are distributed.



KELLY HANCOCK · ACTING COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS



Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)
6:00pm at OLG every Friday During Lent

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.



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



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