

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 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

In the Gospel we see the raising of Lazarus. It is not only a miracle story, it is a revelation. It reveals who Jesus is, what faith means, how God works in suffering, and what resurrection truly promises.

When Jesus arrives in Bethany, Lazarus has already been in the tomb four days. In Jewish understanding, this meant death was final. There was no hope of recovery.

Martha goes out to meet Him and says: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

These words are not accusation, they are faith mixed with grief. She still believes in Him. Jesus tells her: "Your brother will rise." Martha responds with conventional belief: "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day."

Then comes one of the most powerful declarations in all Scripture: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Jesus does not say, "I will give resurrection." He says, "I am the resurrection." Resurrection is not merely an event at the end of time. It is a Person standing before her.

Martha's faith moves from doctrine to encounter. From believing in a future event to trusting a present Lord. This is the journey of every Christian. We may believe in heaven, in doctrine, in teachings, but do we trust the living Christ now, in our grief, confusion, and darkness?

The crowd is weeping. The house of Bethany is filled with sorrow. And then we hear the shortest verse in the Bible: "Jesus wept." Because God is not distant from human pain. He does not dismiss grief with theology. He enters it. Jesus weeps because death is an enemy. He weeps because He loves. He weeps because this is not how creation was meant to be.

Jesus cries out with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out!" The Fathers of the Church often said that Jesus had to call Lazarus by name because if He had simply said "Come out," every dead person would have risen. Such is the power of His word.

And Lazarus emerges, still bound in burial cloths. Lazarus comes out alive, but still bound. Jesus then says: "Untie him and let him go." Resurrection is both divine action and community responsibility. Christ gives life. The community helps remove the grave clothes. Even after encountering Christ, we may still carry old habits, wounds, fears. The Church is meant to help unbind what still clings to us.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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- Youth Director** Christina Villegas
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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 22, 2026
Mass Intentions*

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
 † Belia V. Saenz (2nd Ann.)
 † Ruben R. Gonzalez (B-day Rem.)

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

Monday, March 23, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

6:00p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

12:05p.m. † Juan Moscote (1st Ann.)

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioners

Friday, March 27, 2026

12:05p.m. All OLG Parishioner

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Vigilia del Domingo de Ramos

5:30p.m. † Eulalia Chapa (40th Ann.)

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

7:30a.m. † Kayla D. Peña (30th Ann.)
 † Esperanza Cuevas
 † Antonio Cuevas, Sr.
 † Antonio Cuevas, Jr.

9:30a.m. † Jesse Gonzalez
 † Santos Hernandez
 † Jason Trevino
 † Oscar Garcia
 † Cecilio & Cleotilde Saenz

11:30a.m. † Gilberto Escobar
 † Isaiah James Joslin (5th Ann.)
 † Santiago G. Chapa (1st Ann.)
 † Diana Chapa (40th Ann.)

March 08, 2026

OLG

Envelope Collections	2,538.00
Loose Collections	1,536.00
Flowers for all occasions	00.00
Childrens' Collections	97.00
Total	\$ 4,171.00

Second Collections:

Easter Flowers	924.00
Teen Ministry	00.00
Total 2nd Collections	\$ 924.00

SNDA

Envelope Collections	50.00
Loose Collections	235.00
Total Deposit	\$ 285.00

II Collections

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

June 14th - Teen Ministry

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 Visitation's prayer Booklet will be available at the Parish office

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

Call office 361-664-2953 for more info

OLG Corner

03/23/26	6:30PM	OCIA/OCIC CLASSES
03/24/26	7:00PM	BIBLE STUDY
03/25/26	5:30/7:00PM	FAITH FORMATION
03/26/26	7:00PM	ULTREYA MEETING
03/29/26	10:45AM	FAITH FORMATION

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.

RESTORE MY SOUL
(Psalm 23)

Lay down your burdens.
Let Him restore your soul.



Our Lady Of Guadalupe Catholic Church | Alice, Texas
OLG Women's F.L.A.M.E. Retreat
A time of renewal, healing, and encounter with the Lord

June 18 – June 21, 2026
All women are welcome

Step into a sacred four-day journey of prayer, reflection, and sisterhood. This retreat is an invitation to lay down your burdens, open your heart, and allow the Good Shepherd to heal your wounds, renew your strength, and restore your soul through Christ.

Whether you are weary, searching, or longing for deeper intimacy with God this retreat is for you.

Registration & Information

Belinda Franco 361-562-2233 | Melissa Jasso 361-660-4032
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Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)
6:00pm at OLG every Friday During Lent

Would you like to sponsor an Easter Lilly for Easter decorations in our church?

\$16 EACH EASTER LILLY (65 TOTAL)
YOU MAY TAKE HOME AFTER EASTER SEASON
ENVELOPES FOR EACH IN BACK OF CHURCH

Please contact parish office for more info 361-664-2953

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
MEN'S F.L.A.M.E.

BINGO

JUNE 7, 2026

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Location: KC Hall, Alice, TX
Donation.....\$20.00 per Ticket
Specials will be sold for \$1.00
Food and drinks will be sold during Bingo

